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BLINKEN MEETS PALESTINE PRESIDENT ABBAS IN SURPRISE WEST BANK TRIP

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday met Palestinian prez Mahmoud Abbas to sketch out a post-conflict scenario for the Gaza Strip

RULES OUT CEASEFIRE, SAYS IT WILL HELP HAMAS

While Abbas urged him to persuade Israel for an immediate cease-fire, Blinken ruled out such a move saying it would only help Hamas to regroup and unleash more violence. Blinken said that instead of a ceasefire, the US will push for localised pauses in fighting to allow in humanitarian aid and for people to leave the densely populated Gaza Strip, where the war is raging | P11

BIBI SUSPENDS MINISTER FOR 'NUKE' REMARK

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suspended Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu from government meetings indefinitely for suggesting that dropping an atomic bomb on the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip was "an option" on the table
- Eliyahu backtracked from his statement, calling it a "metaphorical"

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REPORTEDLY KILLED AFTER A GAZA REFUGEE CAMP WAS HIT ON SUNDAY

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Virat Kohli celebrates his hundred against South Africa at Eden Gardens on Sunday. With 14 points India will finish on top of the points table | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

Kohli equals Tendulkar with 49th ODI hundred

FIROZ MIRZA @Kolkata

THE iconic Eden Gardens is not just used to witnessing history but is itself a part of cricketing folklore. Any landmark achieved in this cathedral of cricket is special. When Virat Kohli called his feat the stuff of dreams, it was no overstatement.

The noise in the stadium was deafening when he equalled his idol Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 hundreds in his inimitable style against South Africa on Sunday. What made the landmark knock more special was that it came on his birthday on the same ground where he scored his first ODI hundred. Kohli helped India reach a total of 326 as the hosts handed South Africa a resounding 243-run defeat. He only took 277 innings, as compared to Sachin's 451, to get to hundred No 49. With this, he has etched his name in the echelons of greatness.

The hundred seemed inevitable too. It was just a matter of time after a string of scores that reflected his pristine form. The prolific batter had missed chances to score a ton thrice in the tournament when he got out for 85, 95 and 88 runs against Australia, England and Sri Lanka, respectively. Such has been his dominance in the one-day format over the years, especially while chasing, that it has earned him the moniker Chase King.

The 121-ball 101 not out might have been his slowest ODI ton but it came at the right time on a surface, which was on the slower side, making batting tricky. "When you lose two wickets and don't have Hardik (Pandya), you need to bat deep and get to a stage where the opposition feels like we have to restrict them. Every opportunity to play for India is a big one, to be able to ton up on my birthday is the stuff of dreams. Grateful to God that I've been blessed with such moments," Kohli summed up his emotions during the break. P13

After EC notice, Central govt notifies 'prabharis'

Officials to be sent to states where MCC will not come into force this yr

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DAYS after a political row erupted over a 'rath prabhari' circular, the Centre has issued a notification nominating civil servants in various ministries as 'prabharis' (special officers) in states barring the ones that are going to polls this month. The officers are deployed to oversee a proposed country-wide mega rally from November 20 to highlight the Narendra Modi government's achievements in the past nine years. The move comes a week after the Election Commission directed the Centre not to appoint bureaucrats as 'rath prabharis' in poll-bound states—Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Mizoram and Chhattisgarh.

Interestingly, the government had said the senior officers would be called nodal officers rather than 'rath prabharis" after the EC ban. However, the latest order calls them Prabhari Officers — Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, with only Rath being removed.

The EC took the step after receiving complaints about the government's plan to depute senior bureaucrats for its proposed Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra from November 20, citing the Model Code of Conduct in place till December 5.

In a notification on November 3, the Centre nominated officers in the rank of joint secretaries/director/deputy secretary level in various ministries as Prabhari Officers in connection with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, coordinated by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

- At least 43 officers in various ranks have been deputed from each ministry to coordinate the preparations, planning, and execution of the programme
- The officers have been given charge of at least two districts in each state
- The states where the officials have been deputed include Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Meghalaya, West Bengal and Karnataka

At the centre of the controversy is a circular issued by the government on October 17, asking all Union ministries to name senior officials to deploy them as "district rath prabharis" for the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra between November 20, 2023, and January 25, 2024, to showcase/celebrate the achievements of the last nine years", of the Modi government.

However, the EC on October 26 issued a notice saying that the campaign should not be carried out in the constituencies where the Model Code of Conduct is in force till December 5. "It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that a letter has been circulated to the Ministries for the nomination of senior officers as "District Rath Praharis" as special officers for the proposed 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' starting from 20th November 2023," it said.

Meanwhile, the Opposition had alleged that the government is trying to politicise the bureaucracy, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge writing a letter to the Prime Minister.

EXPRESS READ

Leaves for defence women on par with officers

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to grant maternity, child care and child adoption leave to women soldiers, sailors and air warriors on par with their officer counterparts. The defence ministry on Sunday said the decision is in line with Singh's vision of "inclusive participation" | P10

Home-alone senior officer in mines dept murdered in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 43-year-old senior geologist in the Department of Mines and Geology was found murdered with her throat slit at her residence in Doddakallasandra in Subramanyapura police station limits on Sunday morning. The motive for the murder is yet to be ascertained and the police have formed three special teams to crack the case.

The deceased, **Prathima KS**, hailed from Thirthahalli in Shivamogga. She joined the Mines and Geology department about 15 years ago and was currently working in the department's Bengaluru Urban unit located at Visvesvaraya Towers near Vidhana Soudha. She was living alone on the first floor of an independent house next to Gokulam apartment complex in Doddakallasandra for the last 10 years, while her husband and son live in Thirthahalli.

The police said that Prathima was at her office till 6.30 pm on Saturday after which she was dropped home in her official vehicle. The incident came to light on Sunday at around 7.45 am when her brother Prateesh, who had tried to contact her over the phone since Saturday night, came to check on her as she was not answering his calls. She was found lying in a pool of blood in the house and the police were alerted.

DCP (South) Rahul Kumar Shahapurwad said the assailants have murdered the woman by strangulating and slitting her throat. "We have formed three special teams to crack the case and are investigating the murder from all angles. The motive behind the murder is yet to be established," he said. The police, at this stage, ruled out the possibility of murder for gain as the killers have not searched for valuables in her house. CONTINUED ON: P7

Boxes in rly stn trigger panic in Shivamogga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

TWO suspicious boxes that were found at the parking lot of Shivamogga railway station triggered panic among the public on Sunday.

The police cordoned off the area and called in the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad from Bengaluru. But the search operation was suspended due to heavy rain.

Police sources said the search will commence again once the rain subsides.

The two boxes were spotted during the afternoon. Both the district police bomb squad and a dog squad unit were involved in the preliminary search.

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Parl panel may adopt 3 draft bills to replace criminal laws today

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs reviewing the three Bills seeking to replace the existing criminal laws set to meet on Monday, it is likely to adopt the draft bill despite objections from members of the opposition parties, according to sources.

Fuelling speculations, home minister Amit Shah asserted last week that the three new bills will be passed by Parliament soon.

Though the panel met last week, it deferred the adoption of the draft report after protests from the Opposition seeking more time and consultations to finalise it. Sources familiar with the developments told this newspaper that they have submitted dissent notes to the committee suggesting changes in the bills.

However, the panel headed by BJP MP Brij Lal may adopt one of the important recommendations made by the panel to criminalise non-consensual sexual activities involving men, women, or transpersons, as well as acts of bestiality under section 377 of the IPC. Another source told this paper that the majority view of the panel cutting across party lines was to retain section 377 to criminalize non-consensual "unnatural offenses".

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, the proposed replacement for the IPC has completely removed IPC Section 377 which was read down by the Supreme Court in 2018, he pointed out. Most of the members were of the view that the absence of this section in the BNS can leave male or female victims of sexual assault without any other legal remedy.

Though the SC in a judgment in 2018 ruled that consensual gay sex is not a crime, certain provisions of the law Section 377 ("unnatural offenses") remained applicable in the IPC.

Centre blocks 22 betting apps, including Mahadev

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government on Sunday ordered blocking of 22 betting apps and websites, including Mahadev Book and Reddyannaprestopro.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in a press note, said the action follows investigations conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against illegal betting app syndicate and subsequent raids on Mahadev in Chhattisgarh, revealing the app's unlawful operations.

"Chhattisgarh Government had all the power to recommend shutting down of website/app under Sec 69A IT Act. However, they did not do so. In fact, the first and only request has been received from ED and it has been acted upon. Nothing prevented Chhattisgarh government from making similar requests," said Rajeev Chandrasekhar, minister of state Electronics & Information Technology.

The ED is investigating the Mahadev Book Online Betting App syndicate and the promoters of this betting syndicate. Earlier, ED said according to fresh evidence following search operation on November 2, it was found regular payments around Rs 508 crore were made to Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Bhagel.

The owners of Mahadev Book are in custody, arrested under the money laundering act.

WILD WANDERER

Another leopard sighted near NICE Road; cage placed

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS have reported sighting another leopard just four days after a big cat was shot dead near AECS Layout. This time, the sighting has occurred in Chikkatoguru, around 3-4 km away from AECS layout.

The area where the leopard has been sighted now is near NICE Road and comes under Anekal range, close to the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP). Forest officials said, "There is no CCTV footage. A local resident saw it and alerted us. We are patrolling the area since then. As it rained last night, finding pugmarks is a little difficult. We have, however, kept a cage with a bait."

He explained that the area where the leopard was sighted has around 60 acres of vacant land. If left undisturbed, the leopard will walk into either BNP or Turahalli reserve forest. There are fewer homes at Chikkatoguru than in AECS Layout, he said.

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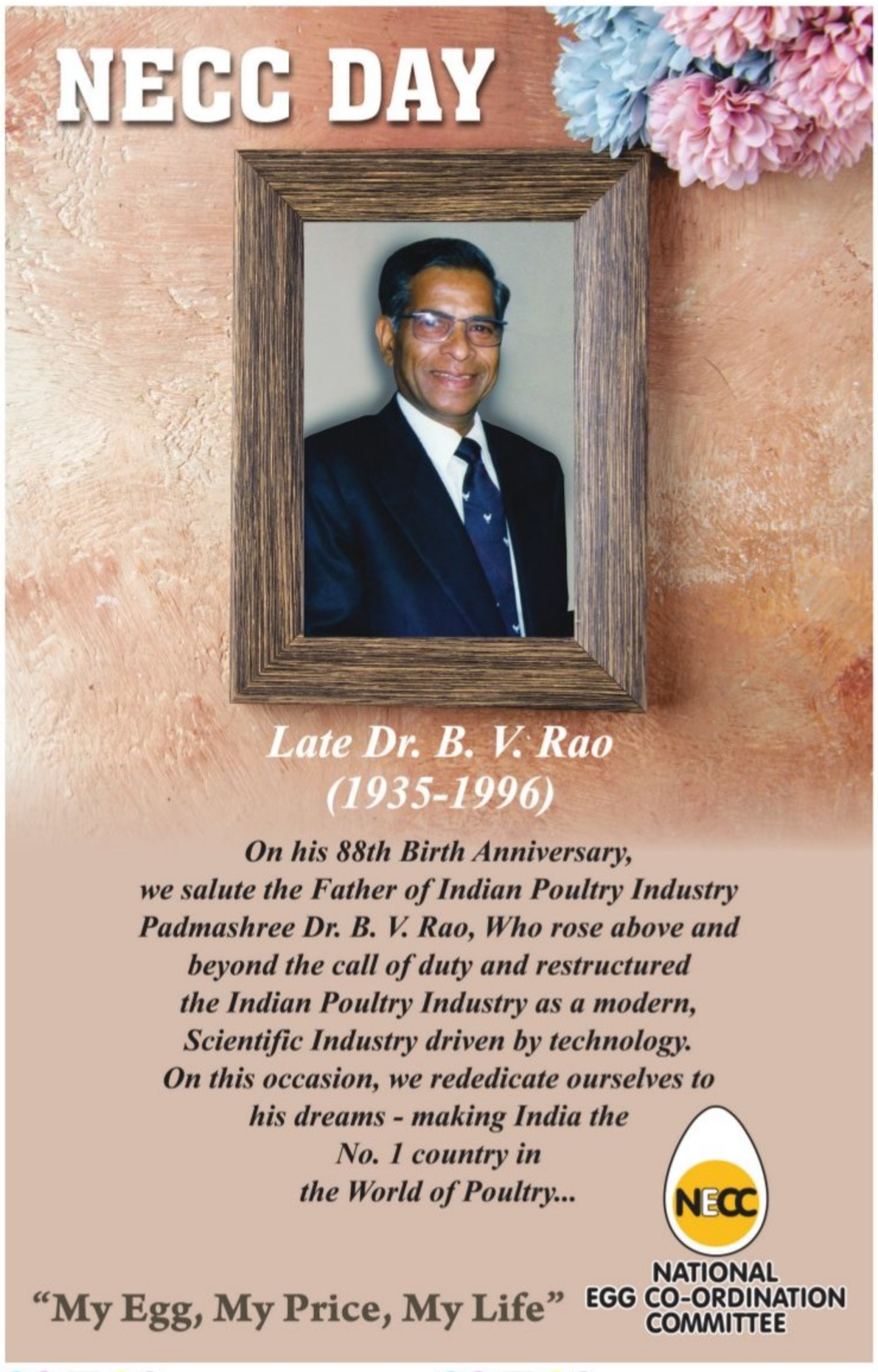
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Late Dr. B. V. Rao
(1935-1996)
On his 88th Birth Anniversary,
we salute the Father of Indian Poultry Industry
Padmashree Dr. B. V. Rao, Who rose above and
beyond the call of duty and restructured
the Indian Poultry Industry as a modern,
Scientific Industry driven by technology.
On this occasion, we rededicate ourselves to
his dreams - making India the
No. 1 country in
the World of Poultry...
"My Egg, My Price, My Life"
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Monday: 06/11/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Navami 4.59 am
Nakshatra: Ashlesha 1.53 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Tstorms late. Cloudy.

Sunrise 6.14 am
Sunset 5.51 pm
Moonrise 12.29 am
Moonset 1.27 pm

Bellandur Rd-Karmelaram rail doubling by March '24

Techies in Outer Ring Road, Electronics City to benefit by project

Spreading of ballast underway in connection with doubling between Bellandur Road railway station and Karmelaram railway stations

'BMTC NEEDS TO GET INVOLVED TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS'

Public transport activist Srinivas Alavilli spearheading the #Personal2Public campaign told TNIE, "We already have commuters using the Yesvantpur-Hosur train alighting at Heelalige. BIOCON employees use it, and the company runs shuttle buses from there. If more trains are run after the doubling is done, it will be patronised by many only if feeder buses are provided by BMTC. "The feeder buses get a very good response now. BMTC plans to run 300 of them by April 2024."

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

WHILE the commissioning of the Metro line from RV Road to Bommasandra is being eagerly awaited by employees in Electronics City, another portion of the 48-km Doubling Project between Baiyappanahalli and Hosur comes as a huge relief for commuters. The Heelalige station, in the vicinity of Chandapura is located 3 km and 5 km from Electronics City-2 and Electronic City-1 respectively.

The Rs 498.73 crore doubling project from Baiyappanahalli via Bellandur Road, Karmelaram, Huskuru, Heelalige, Anekal, and Marayanayakanahali ends at Hosur.

Director, Projects, Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE) RK Singh told TNIE, "The 10.5 km stretch from Karmelaram to Heelalige stations has already been commissioned. By the end of this financial year, we will be commissioning the Bellandur Road to Karmelaram, a crucial distance of 3.5 km. In addition to it, a 7-km stretch between Anekal and Maranayakanahalli will also be commissioned."

He added, "The single rail track at Bellandur Road is being augmented with four more tracks now, thereby letting us have five tracks here. A new station is also being created at Huskuru between Karmelaram and Heelalige. All these are measures to upgrade infrastructure to run more trains."

SWR has also constructed four new platforms at Bengaluru Cantonment now. "With such infrastructure in place, SWR could run a train every 30 minutes from Cantonment towards Heelalige from March 2024. They need to ready two new MEMU 8-coach trains to run these trips."

A road under bridge between Baiyappanahalli and Whitefield is also being widened in connection with the doubling project. Urban transportation expert Sanjeev Dyammanavar said, "The quadrupling project between Cantonment and Whitefield, and this doubling project, could together make a huge difference in the way people commute. Chandapura junction is in the vicinity of the Healalige station. It is close to Electronics City-2 and will be 5 km from Electronic City-1.

More trains on the route, will be a big gamechanger. Those heading to Sarjapur, and those visiting Anekal and Karmelaram among other areas too will benefit."

The entire Baiyappanahalli-Hosur doubling project has a deadline of December 2024.

Asked about the possibility of running more trains after the Doubling is commissioned, Divisional Railway Manager Yogesh Mohan, told, "Let K-RIDE execute their work first. When it is in place, we will do whatever is possible from our side to ease travel for public."

GETTING FESTIVE READY

People purchase colorful clay diyas, and prep for the upcoming festival of lights, Diwali in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Higher Education Dept to host 3-day workshop

Bengaluru: Keeping the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in mind, the Department of Higher Professional Education will be hosting a 3-day workshop on leadership development for university Deans and HODs from Nov 6 to 8 in Delhi at the National Insititute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA). Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City University has been invited by NIEPA to address the participants and to be a part of the panel discussion on 'Institution Building: Reflections from Leaders of Higher Education Institutions.'

BBMP registers just 15K new voters in 3 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU, the state capital that produces lakhs of graduates every year, has recorded only 15,000 new graduate voters in BBMP limits ever since the election commission of India has issued notification to register new voters, in August 2023. Monday is the last date for registrations. Experts and officials blame political parties and others for not showing interest in getting more people registered.

Bengaluru graduate constituency polls will be held in June 2024. However for MLC polls, preparations has to be done much earlier.

Experts point out that only 15,000 voters registering in three months shows lack of interest by various stakeholders, including election commission, political parties and others. Interestingly, in the previous polls, voters turn out was in thousands, while city has lakhs of graduates. Polls are held once in six years, and elected member will be sent to upper house.

B'LURU GRADUATE CONSTITUENCY

Among other graduate constituencies in Karnataka, Bengaluru graduate constituency records lesser voter registration and even lesser voters turn out on the polls day. In 2012, the constituency had 1.09 lakh registered graduate voters of which around 19,000 voters cast their vote. A similar less voters turn out was witnessed in 2018.

Speaking to TNIE, political analyst, Prof Sandeep Shastri said that voting per cent in Bengaluru for the last 32 years has always been the lowest. The Bengaluru Graduate Constituency is no exception. "Most of the additional registration which happen during the polls are not inspired by the sitting MLCs or candidates. The numbers will be maintained less and these additional voters will be from party cadre. The candidates or MLCs do not show interest in getting more numbers as they fear to lose polls. The disinterest among people is visible," he said.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, who is also electoral officer of Bengaluru Urban, said 15,000 number is from the BBMP limits. There is also Bengaluru urban district and we are hoping the number will cross 50,000."

BMRCL submits revised Phase-3 proposal to Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has recently submitted a revised proposal of Phase-3, to the centre for approval. In the revised proposal, the cost has been reduced significantly, as only three-coach trains would be deployed for one of its corridors, instead of the regular six-coach trains.

The phase three of Metro has been proposed for a length of 44.65 km and has two elevated corridors, one from JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura along the Outer Ring Road (12.5 km) and the another from Hosahalli to Kadabgere along Magadi Road (32.15 km). It will have a total of 31 stations.

Anjum Parwez, the Managing Director of BMRCL spoke to TNIE, "We have re-submitted our detailed project report to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, for approval. The revised overall cost of phase-3 comes upto around Rs 15,600 crore, and with the Magadi Road Corridor being a new route, the Centre wants us to use only trains with three coaches initially, while our initial DPR had proposed six-car coaches. So, we had to revise it and submit it again."

The MD added, "Based on the patronage, we can augment the trains to six-car ones, later, if required."

Backgrounder

It has been nearly a year (Nov 18, 2022) since the state government approved the project for a cost of Rs 16,328 crore and submitted it in February 2023, to the centre. With the centre seeking clarifications, and repeated to and fro of files between the State and Centre, the approval has not yet come through. Phase-3 has a completion deadline of 2028.

TEACHING THEM

AI tool to assist govt school teachers with lesson plans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

GENERALLY, teachers in government schools or private institutions spend hours planning their classes and activities for different grades. They have to also teach a class of anywhere between 50-70 children with different abilities. To help teachers develop personalised learning experiences for students and to save time spent on planning lessons, Microsoft Research in India, has partnered with the Shikshana Foundation to build an AI powered digital assistant centred around the teachers' specific needs.

The Shikshan Copilot is the assistant which uses advanced generative AI models, integrating multiple content formats like text, images, videos, charts, and other interactive elements. The assistant is currently being run in 10 government schools around Bengaluru in both, Kannada and English, and will be made accessible across Karnataka. It supports connectivity to both public and private resource content. The assistant can be accessed through WhatsApp, Telegram, and web applications, making it simpler for use.

Sharing her experience, Parimala HV who teaches science for grades 6 to 8 in Kannada at Government Higher Primary School, Santhe Beedhi in Devanahalli, said that for each class, she had to spend an hour or more each day, to prepare a lesson plan. "Even searching the internet for ideas was overwhelming. The new tool is very useful for new teachers. I think it could revolutionise the way teachers teach."

Gireesh KS, another teacher who teaches in a school near Devanahalli said, that with digital assistant he could make PowerPoint within minutes to create an interactive atmosphere for the students.

The Microsoft team developed the assistant using generative AI models such as Large Language Models (LLMs). "This grounding is enabled by ingesting relevant data with the help of state-of-the-art optical character recognition, computer vision and generative AI models. It was also important to use natural language and voice-based interactions including English and Kannada," said Akshay Nambi, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research.

No proposal to hike govt bus ticket fare for now: Ramalinga Reddy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER the state finance department's recent recommendation to the state bus corporations KSRTC, KKRTC, NWKRTC and BMTC to set up a regulatory committee to decide on the ticket fare hike, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the committee is not set up yet, and that there is no proposal to hike the bus fare anytime soon.

Speaking to TNIE, Reddy said, "The one-man committee set up by the previous government in 2022 under the chairmanship of former bureaucrat MR Srinivas Murthy to recommend measures to restructure and revive the ailing state road transport corporations. Along with other major recommendations, the one-man committee had insisted on setting up of public transport fare committee to revise the ticket fares of the government buses. The state finance department too had insisted on the same recently."

Reddy explained that the regulatory committee once set up, will function like the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) which takes a call on the power tariff hike after analysing the reports of the ESCOMS. "Though the cost of diesel, spare parts of the vehicles, salaries of the employees and the operational costs have been increasing year after year, we had not revised the ticket fares. Once the regulatory committee is set up, it will take into consideration all aspects and recommend ticket fare revision." He however mentioned that the state government is unlikely to hike the ticket fares immediately.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06TH November : There are some truly striking planetary patterns at the moment, linking energetic Mars to expansive Jupiter and revolutionary Uranus. This could be a period for dramatic headlines. I can't say which way events will go precisely because I do think we could be in for some real surprises. Will these be welcome ones? Well, I certainly hope so.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
May I advise you to keep a close watch on your financial dreams? Today's major planetary patterns will have an amazing range of consequences over the coming weeks, but the impact on your emotional and material security seems to be great est. If competing for a prize, go for broke.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's planets push you forward with increasing speed. Your chances for personal success are now the best for a very long time indeed. Press on with established plans by all means, but avoid anything that may lead to confrontation or smacks of dishonesty.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may imagine that you know what is going on, but you are probably mistaken! Never have you been so likely to pick up the wrong end of the stick. Please take proper advice in all legal, foreign and travel matters, and that does mean double and even treble checking.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Jupiter and Venus are as benevolent a pair of planets as you could wish to have watching over you. Generosity on your part will win friends and impress people, protecting you in the present and gaining you firm and loyal allies for the future. In other words, selflessness and self-interest are the same thing.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
With so much planetary activity taking place today, you'd do very well to take centre stage. Watch out for flying missiles, though, and duck if anything comes in your direction. Prepare for a shift in emotional gear and, while you're at it, get in touch with someone who is waiting to hear from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
I am sure that you have been put out, pushed around and generally had your interests ignored, but then that's all part of life's rich tapestry. This is no time to complain about the world being unfair. Instead, it's the moment to reach out and take control.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
In your personal life, you're on the scent of a new romantic adventure. Unexpected develop-ments at work have not undermined your confidence or commitment. Far from it. If your professional or worldly ambitions have been dented, I suspect that the real cause lies elsewhere, perhaps in your own refusal to take the lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Today's lunar alignments are about the most intriguing they've been for a very long time. The news will be exciting, even for those of you who are enjoying placid times. It's all doubly significant if you have big, ambitious plans on the go. You choose!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
All the quite extraordinary planetary activity now taking place must be harnessed and used to channel your noble, virtuous and selfless instincts. You have a clear choice whether to go all out for personal interest or to realise that material security is, in the grand scheme of things, purely temporary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It's a day of significant planetary configurations, but whether you are directly involved in dramatic events, or merely a passive observer, is up to you. I take the view that the latter is more likely. In other words, you'll be looking, listening and learning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The approaching lunar patterns are among the most striking to hit your sign for a good few months. If you're not knocked slightly off course there'll be something wrong, for it means that you're not directly in tune with your stars! You'll be back in the saddle by the end of the week.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
A helpful relationship between the Sun and Mercury is only one of a series of benevolent planetary alignments which is causing you to think again. There'll probably be a major mystery to solve. The answers will come next month, so bide your time and wait your turn.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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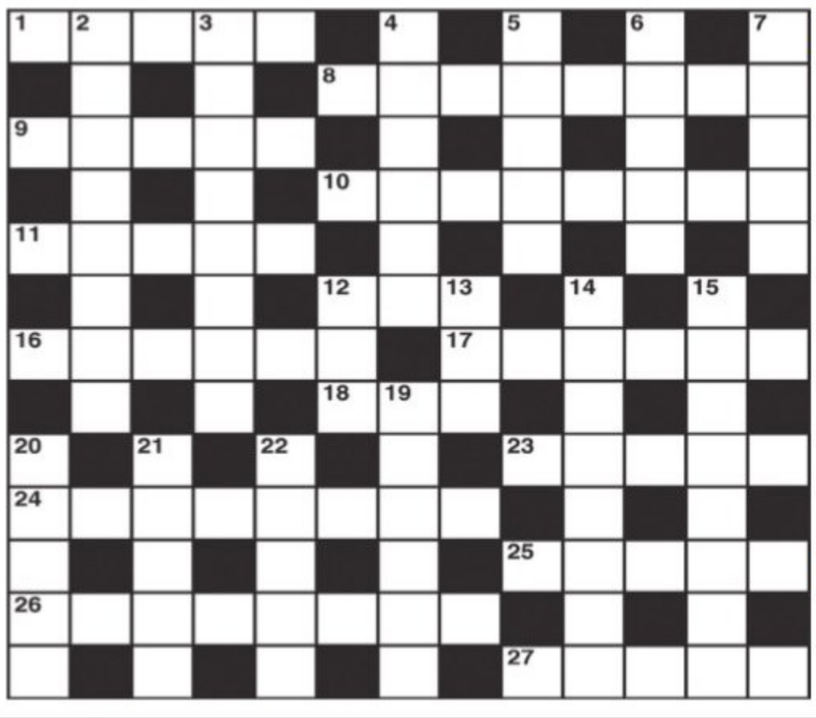
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Green open spaces? (5)
8 Joins the embassy staff (8)
9 Attain some rare achievement (5)
10 Relevant data (8)
11 The boy turned to me for reward (5)
12 Anton lost to a girl (3)
16 A holy man grows old by degrees (6)
17 Confine one after another we hear (6)
18 It's on the cards it may be sown (3)
23 Faith in a business combination (5)
24 A partner placed inside is cut off (8)
25 Some projected amusements (5)
26 Encircled ally making a comeback? (8)
27 Any about to depart may give hurt (5)

DOWN

2 Light entertainment to repeat all over the place (8)
3 Trade using former coins (8)
4 Rain on the way leads to stress (6)
5 Those who have this shouldn't feel hungry (5)
6 Yet it provides academic standing (5)
7 New lamps put into service (5)
12 A serpent when quiet (3)
13 Pinch a little whisky (3)
14 A sailor in the cast is naturally a good mimic (8)
15 Exert force on a chap to be a journalist (8)
19 Propose at home to nurse (6)
20 Couples from Paris (5)
21 An accident to make light of (5)
22 Checks foundation garments (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Chess match, 6 Comb, 10 Trace, 11 Editorial, 12 Confetti, 13 Steep, 15 Aerobic, 17 Egoists, 19 Toddler, 21 Athlete, 22 Elgar, 24 Property, 27 Hoi polloi, 28 Ticks, 29 Duet, 30 Vegetables.

Down: 1 City, 2 Enamoured, 3 Sheaf, 4 Aseptic, 5 Cuisine, 7 Olive, 8 Billposter, 9 Forsooth, 14 Cattle shed, 16 Ballroom, 18 Sceptical, 20 Repulse, 21 Aconite, 23 Guise, 25 Extra, 26 Uses.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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What? Are you blind? I beat the throw!
Calm down.
One more word and I'm tossing you!
AFTER NOT BEING CALLED SAFE RUNNING TO FIRST, THE PLAYER WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: RUMMY QUASH EXODUS OCTANE
Answer: The letter between I and P on the keyboard was tired of the — SAME "O", SAME "O"

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Despite warning from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to MLAs to desist from speaking on the leadership issue, Maddur MLA KM Uday said Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar will occupy the highest office as he has all the qualifications. Uday, while reacting to Cooperation Minister KM Rajanna's remark that Home Minister G Parameshwara will be the next CM, said the party high command will decide on the CM

USE COMMON SENSE, PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CYBERCRIME

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

CRIME has evolved, shedding its traditional, blood-stained face into a more insidious, faceless form, advancing in step with Karnataka's technological prowess. It is as if the state's and Bengaluru's very identity is shifting from the 'Silicon Valley of India' to the 'Cybercrime Capital of India'.

In a world where murderers, robbers, kidnappers and thieves had ruled the roost, a new breed of criminals -- shadowy figures hidden behind screens and codes — are orchestrating a different kind of anarchy — cybercrimes. Bengaluru, with the highest number of cases reported in the state, has become the hotspot for this new wave of crime. Even the most powerful figures, like politicians, bureaucrats, film stars and IT magnates, are not immune to digital frauds. Other districts in the state too witnessed a rise in cybercrimes reported each day.

To combat this rising tide, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara recently called upon a committee comprising members from Home and Information Technology Departments to formulate a comprehensive cyber policy to tackle the escalating cybercrime cases.

Loss of ₹470 cr

As cybercrime incidents are surging across the state, Bengaluru has witnessed people, often the minds behind technology, falling victim to these crimes. These cases have collectively resulted in a loss of a whopping Rs 470 crore (from January till September this year) across 18 distinct patterns like freebies, online job frauds, credit/debit card frauds, cryptocurrency investments, sextortion through different social media platforms, etc. Of them, online job fraud is the most reported crime in the city that is known for its start-ups.

In Bengaluru Rural CEN police station limits, a 37-year-old IT professor lost Rs 5.2 lakh. He was enticed into a part-time job offer where fraudsters promised him that he could earn money just by 'liking' and 'sharing' videos on YouTube. In another case reported in the Bengaluru West Division, a 45-year-old man lost all his savings in his bank account after he opted for a multiplex gold subscription card, which apparently had exclusive movie and food discounts. At the time of subscription, he shared his Aadhaar one time password (OTP) with the fraudsters, who used it to siphon off close to Rs 1.18 lakh, leaving just Rs 200 in his account. A real estate agent from South East Bengaluru lost over Rs 1 crore within a week after falling into an investment trap. Cybercriminals made him believe that his investment of Rs 50 lakh could get him a return of Rs 70 lakh.

In 2019, 10,553 cybercrimes were registered in Bengaluru, which dropped to 8,892 in 2020. It went down further to 6,422 in 2021 because of the pandemic. However, the cases spiked to 9,940 in 2022 after people started coming out of Covid. Till September, Bengaluru had already recorded its highest-ever cybercrimes at 12,615.

e-shopping without checking authenticity of websites

Many youngsters assume that they have superior technological knowledge and tend to engage in online purchasing without questioning the authenticity of websites, said Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda. "Cybercriminals exploit this tendency by gathering data and specifically targeting the youth. They create duplicate websites and leverage artificial intelligence to understand their preferences, leading them into the trap of cybercrime," he added.

People should recognise that while online shopping offers convenience, it also comes with risks. To stay safe, they should only make purchases from well-known and trusted websites that have established themselves in the market, boast of a significant user base and feature genuine customer reviews, he said.

CK Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East), Bengaluru, said that when the world is saturated with technology and social media apps, the menace of social media fraud looms large. Cybercriminals exploit these platforms to gather personal data and conversations, which they weaponise against individuals. Their tactics involve infiltrating social media accounts through hacking or creating deceptively similar fake profiles, followed by extortion attempts.

To safeguard against such threats, individuals should adopt robust security measures. One critical step is to employ alphanumeric passwords, i.e., using a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols that are not easily predictable or linked to personal information, such as names. It is crucial to maintain distinct and complex passwords for each online account. Using a single password across multiple accounts is convenient, but compromises privacy by providing cybercriminals a golden opportunity to access a vast array of sensitive data, he explained.

On the risks involved in using free wi-fi, he said students and working class are increasingly falling victim to cybercrime when they connect to public wi-fi networks. As soon as we connect our devices to public wi-fi networks, apart from those provided at locations like airports and railway stations, we inadvertently expose our data to potential threats. Such free wi-fi spots are intentionally set up to entice people, leading them to unwittingly compromise their data security. People frequently choose such locations for work or leisure, not realising the risks involved, he explained.

Timely reporting vital

Cyber experts stressed on timely reporting of any cyber crime as it plays a key role in recovering the money. Vineet Kumar, Global President, CyberPeace Foundation, said that because of technological advancements, it has become increasingly challenging to discern genuine messages from cyber traps. People should be cautious and avoid trusting any communication from unknown sources. The messages, crafted using sophisticated AI, appear genuine and often contain links that can lead to malicious software capable of stalking victims. The software gains unauthorised access to cameras and microphones, posing a serious threat to people's privacy and security.

He explained that it is crucial to dial the emergency number 1930 or report the incident to the nearest police station immediately. This urgency is essential because, in many cases, once the victim's funds are debited, they are swiftly transferred to multiple accounts within minutes. Timely reporting enables the department concerned to take prompt action, potentially freezing the maximum possible amount and aiding the investigation process.

Aadhaar-Enabled Payment System, a new avenue

Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), which allows transactions up to Rs 10,000 only through Aadhaar number and biometric data, is also being misused by cybercriminals to defraud people.

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal said many people in the coastal city have complained of money being auto-debited from their accounts after submitting biometric details at sub-registrar's offices. Over 10 cases involving AEPS have been reported since September. The investigation revealed that fraudsters deducted money using AEPS on a Point of Sale (PoS) machine by stealing the biometric details of the people who had submitted them on Kaveri 2.0 software. Similar cases have been reported in Hassan and Shivamogga districts.

The Hassan CEN police station has recorded over 700 cybercrimes. Fake messages asking people to obtain easy loans, link bank accounts with Aadhaar for government schemes and link Pan card with Aadhaar are being used to swindle people. One of the solutions could be to ban VPN usage. The police advise people to be cautious of calls and messages from unknown numbers, offering interest-free loans, gifts and schemes.

Dr Ananth Prabhu, a cyber security expert from Mangaluru on AEPS, said the scam involves an Aadhaar number being used to extort up to Rs 10,000 in one transaction from people who have provided biometric data during any registration process. Cyber criminals typically operate in the guise of government officials or intermediaries.

While districts like Shivamogga haven't reported any cases of cybercrimes involving land records, the Shivamogga CEN police have taken proactive steps to educate the public about potential fraudsters.

(With inputs from Praveen Kumar (Bengaluru), Divya Cutinho (Mangaluru), BR Udaya Kumar (Hassan), Arpitha I (Shivamogga), Prakash Samaga (Udupi), Subhash Chandra G)

Top 10 reasons why people are susceptible to cybercrimes

1) Lack of awareness
2) Trusting nature
3) Financial greed
4) Fear of embarrassment
5) Language barriers
6) Poor internet security
7) Lack of technical knowledge
8) Social media usage without privacy settings
9) Shopping on malicious websites
10) The digital divide

Cybercrime cases registered in B'luru

Year	Cases
2019	10,553
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2021	6,422
2022	9,940
*2023	12,615

(* Till September)

TYPES OF CYBERCRIMES COMMONLY REPORTED

- Financial fraud, the most prevalent type in India, includes UPI fraud, internet banking fraud, credit/debit card fraud, investment fraud, forex trading fraud, Ponzi schemes, and loan app fraud.
- Social media-related crimes involve impersonation, misinformation, cyberbullying, and sextortion.
- Data breaches expose personal and financial info, and India has witnessed breaches in both private companies, govt agencies.
- Malicious code attacks use malware, such as virusesto harm systems or steal data, with ransomware demanding a ransom for file decryption.
- Email phishing remains a common method to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information.
- SIM swap fraud allows criminals to take control of victims' mobile phone numbers, gaining access to online accounts and financial data.
- Loan app fraud, which offers loans with exorbitant rates and harasses victims who can't repay.
- Online job scams advertise fake jobs or internships to steal personal information or money.
- Matrimonial fraud involves impersonating potential partners online to steal money or personal data.
- AePS fraud exploits the Aadhaar-enabled Payment System to withdraw money without the victim's consent, often by stealing Aadhaar information through various means.

LOST & RECOVERED

Between Jan 2023 and Sep 2023, cyber victims have lost **₹470 crore** to fraudsters.

Police have managed to recover **₹28.4 crore** and returned around **₹27.6 crore** to the complainants.

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BIG PICTURE

Change of guard: Will go by top brass' decision, says DKS

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who said he is going with the decision of the Congress high command on any change in the chief minister's post, on Saturday asserted that he doesn't need the help of his supporters to recommend his case. This comes at a time when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's supporters, including ministers KN Rajanna and Zameer Ahmed Khan, have been rooting for their leader to complete the full five-year term as CM.

Shivakumar warned his supporter and Ramanagara MLA HA Iqbal Hussain against issuing any statement as the latter had recently said that the deputy chief minister will assume the CM's chair within five-year tenure of the Congress government.

After Siddaramaiah held a breakfast meeting with 15 of his cabinet colleagues, Shivakumar said he is in no hurry to acquire the top post.

"The party went to the elections, under Siddaramaiah's and my leadership, and people have blessed us. Our aim is to give good governance. I'm in no hurry. Our high command will take a decision and we have briefed our party leaders about what transpired at the meeting," he said.

"The media distorted Siddaramaiah's statement (reportedly saying he will continue as CM for five year). He is our leader and we accept his leadership. We will listen to the party," he added.

Interestingly, he predicted that he will come out clean in the disproportionate assets (DA) case against him, being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation. "The case has been registered against me, though I have not done anything wrong. All my records are public. Both my wife and I are taxpayers. Our accounts are different despite being a man and wife. You can calculate whether I have earned disproportionate wealth," he said, replying to a reporter's query.

Though the then advocate-general felt that it was not a fit case to be handed over to the CBI, the BJP government led by BS Yediyurappa went ahead and did. "Let they (CBI) issue a notice and I will answer that. The time will come when they file the B report (cancellation of the previous report)," he said.

RSS workers take out a march on major roads of Mysuru city as part of 'Patha Sanchalan', on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

I even oppose my party's ideology at times: BJP MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

TUMAKURU Rural BJP MLA B Suresh Gowda here on Sunday said that he does not want to stick to any one ideology and even opposes his own party's principles at times.

"We should be society-centric, setting aside leftist and rightist paths as the country should progress providing equality to all and Mahatma Gandhi's dream should be achieved. I may be in the BJP, but sometimes I even oppose its ideology," he said while speaking at the sixth anniversary of a local Kannada daily 'Bevara Hani' at Kannada Bhavan in Tumakuru.

Further, Gowda said that he agrees with Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna's statement that Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara will become the CM in the future. "Since Independence, no Dalit has become the state's CM... we should think about it. So I will support if Parameshwara, who hails from the district, becomes the CM as predicted by Rajanna," he said.

On CM Siddaramaiah-led Congress government planning to accept the caste census report, he said that the government could use it for its political gains.

Cong govt will collapse soon, says Kashempur

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

PREDICTING the downfall of the Congress government in Karnataka, JDS core committee member Bandeppa Kashempur said that the state will soon have a new government. "We do not have to do anything. It will collapse on its own," he said.

Kashempur, a former minister, said, "There are 75 lakh farmers in Karnataka and they are in distress. If the government really wants to help them, it can... they just have to recover and dispose of 10% of encroached government land around Bengaluru. Through this, the government can earn Rs 25,000 crore and distribute it to farmers." He also expressed confidence of JDS winning the seats it will contest in the next Lok Sabha elections. "We are in an alliance with BJP. Our party leadership knows which are the seats we will fight from. JDS top brass will hold talks with BJP and decide the seats." On JDS failing to transfer votes to Congress in the 2019 LS polls when the two parties were in an alliance, he said, "In most constituencies, our direct rival was Congress and we could not transfer our votes to our direct rival. The Congress high command wanted the coalition... but the 'low command' (referring to Congress state leaders), did not want the tie-up," he added. "In 2018, JDS had a chance to go with BJP. If we had, then Congress would not be in power now," he said.

On JDS leader CM Ibrahim's statement against the alliance, he said, "His attitude changed after the elections. Ibrahim was present in the meeting when everything (on the alliance) was decided."

Submit report on drought before Nov 15: CM to dist ministers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said that he has directed the district ministers to conduct a study on the prevailing drought in their districts and submit a report before November 15.

"I have asked the district ministers to visit all the taluks in their districts to study drought. I have asked them to meet the people to know the ground reality. Even though the Union Government has not provided funds, the State Government has released Rs 900 crore to take up drought-relief works," he said while regretting that the Centre has neglected Karnataka in sanctioning funds for drought-relief works.

Siddaramaiah said that after several letters, the Centre released Rs 600 crore for MGNREGA works on Saturday.

CM Siddaramaiah and other senior officials of Mysuru district administration having lunch at the Dasara success meet in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

"There has been a loss of Rs 33,000 crore and we have requested the Centre to release Rs 17,900 crore as per the guidelines. Our revenue, rural development and agriculture ministers had visited Delhi to meet PM Modi. But they returned after they did not get the PM's appointment. The PM is still unable to come to terms with Congress returning to power in Karnataka. We will write to put pressure on the Central government to release funds," he elaborated.

On MLAs speaking on leadership change, Siddaramaiah said that he has warned the legislators and ministers not to speak on the issue in public, and should only explain the welfare programmes initiated in their respective segments.

Commenting on Modi's criticism over state guarantee schemes during election campaigns in five states, Siddaramaiah said that the Congress government is not worried of any criticism but is committed to serve the poor and farmers.

Reacting to BJP former minister KS Eshwarappa's statement that the caste census report by Kantharaju commission must be burnt, the CM said that Eshwarappa is a depreciating coin. "His words have no value. They are all depreciating coins. BJP did not give him a ticket as he is a depreciating coin. If the report is submitted, we will accept it," he added.

On irregularities in the KEA examination conducted in Kalaburagi where Bluetooth was used and mangalsutra and anklets were asked to be removed by candidates, the CM said that a complete investigation will be carried out.

Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah on Sunday had lunch with the officials who successfully conducted the Dasara festivities. Even though there is a practice of the district minister hosting lunch for the officials, the CM set a new precedent by attending the luncheon with the district officials and MLAs and MLCs organised by district minister HC Mahadevappa at a private hotel in Mysuru city.

Speaking on the occasion, Siddaramaiah appreciating the work of the officers during Dasara celebrations said that Mysuru will be number one district in the state if the officers work effectively. "Officials must prepare a blueprint to take up welfare activities. Mysuru must return back to its glory. Mysuru Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's irrigation, agriculture, and social welfare works must be an inspiration for us," he said.

Malur police headed by circle-inspector Vasanth opened fire on one Ashok, the prime accused in Minnasandra gram panchayat member Anil Kumar's murder, when he attempted to assault the police during his arrest. Police opened one round of fire in air and later in his right leg and arrested Ashok at the Malur Industrial area at 6 am Sunday

NOT JUST TOBACCO & ALCOHOL, EVEN AIR POLLUTION CONTRIBUTES TO HEART ISSUES

'10% of patients suffer from cardiovascular ailments when exposed to the invisible killer'

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@Bengaluru

Though not as bad as Delhi, air pollution in Bengaluru is a matter of concern | FILE PHOTO

AMID the rising burden of cardiovascular diseases due to alcohol and tobacco consumption, lack of exercise and stress, Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, said that 10% of patients suffer from heart issues when exposed to air pollution. Doctors have called it the "invisible killer" as it is a less recognised factor affecting more people now with the worsening air quality index in India. According to the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI), India ranks second out of 252 countries in the pollution ranking.

Dr Manjunath explained that air pollution is an emerging risk factor for cardiovascular diseases and is not solely responsible for causing respiratory issues like bronchitis or asthma. The particulate matter (PM) less than 2.5 microns can pass through the lung barriers and flow into the arteries causing clot formation and blockages, he added.

Calling it the "new tobacco", he said that 22 lakh people have died in India due to air pollution. Those working in industrial areas, busy roads or energy supply and agricultural areas are at a higher risk of suffering from air pollution-related heart diseases, he added.

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research signed an MoU with state transport organisations, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), for screening drivers for heart-related issues. Dr Manjunath suggested extending it for state police forces also as they are exposed to stress and pollution on a daily basis.

The World Heart Federation has suggested formulating policies for supporting cleaner transport, energy-efficient homes, better municipal waste management, power generation and access to clean fuel and technologies.

Senior Interventional Cardiologist Dr Deepak Krishnamurthy also took to X on Sunday highlighting the need for concrete policies to tackle air pollution. On air pollution in Delhi, he said with acute exposure to increased PM 2.5 levels, the risk of deaths due to heart attacks is also likely to increase.

THAT B'LURU FEELING

A vendor sells cotton candy outside the Vidhana Soudha on a cloudy Sunday evening. Bengaluru is witnessing rainy days owing to the northeast monsoon which is active in neighbouring Tamil Nadu | ALLEN EGENUSE J

'Pvt sector blossoms amid drawbacks in public health system'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE uneven distribution in the Indian healthcare sector is such that 70% is being run by the private sector, Dr CN Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR), has said. He was speaking at the 7th All India Medical Conference - Corporatisation of Health and Education: Save Public Health System and Medical Education, ensuring health for all at Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) on Sunday.

The public sector will only blossom if the manpower shortage is addressed, he added. Though India is hugely investing in improving the health infrastructure, not much efforts are being taken towards upgrading the current facilities, he felt. Dr Manjunath said that the existing ecosystem needs to be strengthened by addressing staff shortage. Burnout and fatigue have become so prevalent among all staff, including doctors, nurses, lab technicians and group D workers that their average life expectancy has reduced by 10 years now, he added.

With technology advancements in the sector, Dr Manjunath explained that since India has a high unemployment rate, there needs to be a balance created between technology and human resources to ensure that it does not completely take over people's job opportunities, further increasing the unemployment rate.

While highlighting issues in the public sector, Dr Manjunath cited an example of his own institute having a "treatment first, payment next" policy, ensuring that every person gets quality treatment regardless of their financial status. There is a need to stop corporatisation in the sector and ensure that quality healthcare are affordable and accessible to all, he added.

Officials find three distinct pugmarks

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DEPARTMENT sources told The New Indian Express, "When we were patrolling at AECS Layout, we noticed that there was more than one wandering leopard. We noted three distinct pugmarks of different sizes. But it was not disclosed as it would have created more panic among local residents, who were already pressuring the department to capture the animal. When the chaos happened on November 1 and the leopard was shot dead, the second leopard may have escaped to a farther location and has been sighted in Chikkatoguru now. We have submitted a report on recording three pugmarks to the department."

They expressed concern that one more leopard could be sighted in another area in the coming days as it would have gone away from the first location. "But there is no need to worry as the animals are moving towards forests," the source added.

Local residents in Chikkatoguru, however, are in a state of panic and demand that the leopard be captured soon. "Though the area is close to forests, we have never sighted any wildlife here," a resident said. Another said he saw a leopard climbing stairs and trying to enter a house in a three-floor residential building. He screamed in panic and the leopard too got scared and ran away. Street dogs started barking, waking up the area residents, he told forest officials. This is being verified, forest officials said. They clarified that there have been no sightings after the leopard was shot dead in AECS Layout.

12-year-old boy found hanging

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A 12-year-old boy was found hanging from an eucalyptus tree under Dabaspet police station limits. The deceased, Ajay Kumar, a native of Tumakuru, was a Class 6 student at a mutt in Heggunda. A few hours before the incident, Ajay told his friends that he wanted to go to his village. The police are yet to ascertain the reason for the boy taking the extreme step.

Police said Ajay was a student of Sri Vanakallu Malleshwara Maha Samstana Mutt and was residing in the hostel on the mutt premises. He told his friends a few hours before that he wished to go home. Police said the incident came to light when Ajay's schoolmates found him hanging from a tree located beside the mutt at 3.30 pm on Thursday.

Police said prima facie it appears to be suicide and a special team has been formed to probe the case. A case of suspicious death has been registered.

Flyer forgets bag with diamonds in flight, sends cops & security agencies into tizzy

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A woman in her forties, who had forgotten to collect her bag with diamond ornaments and cash totally valued at ₹5 lakh, sent cops and security agencies into a tizzy at the Kempegowda International Airport after assuming it went missing from Terminal 1. It finally turns out that the woman had left behind her bag in her seat in the IndiGo flight from Bengaluru to Ahmedabad.

The incident happened on October 29 when the flyer had come from Kochi to Bengaluru by an IndiGo flight (6E 702) in the morning and then took a connecting IndiGo flight from Terminal 1 to Ahmedabad. A source familiar with the matter told *TNIE*, "The bag contained a pair of solitaire diamond earrings and a ring which are worth nearly ₹4 lakh. It also had ₹1 lakh in cash."

After reaching Ahmedabad, the woman realised that her bag was missing. Assuming it was stolen at Bengaluru before she boarded the flight, she contacted her friend in the city, Pranav Gambhir and sought his help. Gambhir approached the KIA police station the same day and filed an FIR (Section 379 of IPC) about the missing diamonds and cash. "A massive search was launched for it inside the airport both by the Airport police and Central Industrial Security Force," a source said.

Another airport source told *TNIE*, "All the CCTV cameras were crosschecked and it was found that the lady had carried the specific bag in her hand when she crossed the boarding gate and headed to the aircraft. IndiGo was immediately alerted about it."

The following day, an IndiGo staffer at the Ahmedabad airport found the bag near her seat, 13C, inside the aircraft. "The diamonds as well as the cash were intact. It was handed over to the Lost and Found section. She was asked to come to the airport and collect it," the source said. The FIR was subsequently withdrawn by her friend in Bengaluru.

EXPRESS READ

23-yr-old man sentenced to 20 years RI for assaulting minor

Shivamogga: A 23-year-old man from Thirthahalli taluk, Shivamogga district, found guilty of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old minor girl in 2020 has been sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment. The girl later had committed suicide. The accused has also been fined Rs 1.25 lakh. Furthermore, the court has ordered the government to provide compensation of Rs 17 lakh to the family of the girl. **ENS**

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Bangalore Date: 04-11-2023

IN THE COURT OF THE 18th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 3635/2003 (CCH 10)

BETWEEN: SMT. H.R. SHASHIKALA W/o H.L. Ranganath Prasad, R/o Ranganatha Halli, Gandhi Bazar, Hasan-573201.... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: Sri. C. NAGARAJU AND ANOTHER ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 2

Smt. SUDHA JADHAV, W/o Balachendra Rao Jadhav, aged about 55 years, R/at No.189, 5th Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarbhavi Road, Vijaya Nagar, Bengaluru-560040.

WHEREAS, the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under order VII rule 1 r/w section 151 of code of civil procedure for the relief of partition and separate possession over the schedule properties. You are hereby summoned to appear before the court i.e., City Civil Judge, CCH 10, Bengaluru in person or by pleader duly instructed to answer the petition on **14-12-2023** at 11:00 A.M in the forenoon; Failing which you will be placed Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE

All the peace and parcel of the Property Site No. 36, Khatha No 857, Situated at Kothanur Village, Kengari Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring about East to West: 40 Ft, North to South: 60 Ft total 2400 Sq Ft is bounded as follows **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Property No's. 33, 34 and 35, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 02-11-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore City.

PARAMESHWARAPPA
Advocate & Consultants
No.14, 1st Floor, Gante .S, Gopal Building, 13th Cross, Opp. Kandhaya Bhavana, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 12948

Canara Bank, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram Branch, Chitrapur Mutt Complex, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 055. Rep by its Manager, Sri. Shivanna.G.V ...Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri. K.M.Shashidhar & Another ...Defendants/Certified Debtors

To
Sri. K.M.Shashidhar, S/o. Sri.K.H.Marigowda, No.119, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560 091.
Sri. N.R.S.Gupta, S/o. Sri. Rangaiah Setty, No.124, 1st Main 1st Cross, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560 091.

DEMAND NOTICE

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 1083/2013** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.22,43,229 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh(s) Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Only)** is due against you along with interest and cos from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **19th day of July, 2018.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-1: BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

BEFORE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT AT BENGALURU

R.P. No. 427 / 2022

BETWEEN: Ahmed Basha ...Petitioner

AND : The Assistant Commissioner Bengaluru South Sub-Division, And others ...Respondents

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENTS No. 3 & 4

1. The Assistant Commissioner
2. Smt. T. Nagarani
3. Smt. Krishnamma W/o Muniyappa Aged major,
4. Sri. Muniyellappa, S/o Late. Kakkappa, Aged Major,
Both are R/at Shikaripalya, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk.

Whereas the Petitioner filed the above petition questioning the orders passed by the Respondent No. 1 in Case No. R.A (A). 242/2016-17 dated: 10/10/2022 in respect of the schedule property.

Take notice that the above case is posted **on 28.11.2023 at 3:00 P.M** for your appearance either in person or through Pleader, failing which the case will be decided in your absence in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing Survey No. 88/7, Old No. 88/3 an measuring 0-21 guntas, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on :-

East by : Sy.No.87, West by: Road, North by : Road, South by : Sy.No. 88/5.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 30th day of October 2023.

By order of the Court, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

Y.N. RAMANNA, Advocate
No.124, 9th Cross, 11th Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560008. Mob: 98443 31700

IN THE COURT OF II ADDL SR. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT ANEKAL
O.S. No. 494/ 2020

BETWEEN: P. Rama Reddy S/o Late Papa Reddy, aged about 60 years, R/at Iggalur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: Prabhhakkor Reddeyy and anr ... **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

1. Prabhhakkor Reddeyy, S/o. late Jali Sai Reddy, aged about 58 years, R/at No.497/C, 1st Floor, 17th "F" 4th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095.
2.Vala Srinivas Rao, S/o V.Laksmimanohar Rao, aged about 53 years, R/at Flat No.407, Verna Kamala Apartments, Shamlal Building, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016. Represented by Prabhhakkor Reddeyy

Whereas, the plaintiff here by instituted the above suit against you for the relief of Declaration and other reliefs in respect of 1) Land bearing Sy.No.135 measuring 2 Acre 6 guntas, bounded **East by:** Sri. Chikkamuniyappa's Land, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 136, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No.120/4,

2) Land bearing Sy.No.136 measuring 1 Acre 1 gunta along with 3 guntas of kharab, bounded : **East by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 135, **West by:** Portion of the same survey number belonging to Sri.P.Manjunatha Reddy, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No.124/4,

3) Land bearing Sy.No.109 measuring 1 Acre along with 1 gunta of kharab land, bounded **East by:** Land bearing Sy.No.110, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No. 140, **North by:** Portion of land bearing Sy.No.109 agreed to be sold, **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No.108, all lands are situated at Iggalur village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. You are here by summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in Person or by a pleader on **17-01-2024** at 11:00 A.M to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed off ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 12-10-2023.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal.

V. RAVISH KUMAR,
STB Complex, Attibele Road, Anekal town, Bengaluru Urban District.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 542/2019

Canara Bank, Vijayanagara Branch, Bengaluru-560 040. ...Certificate Holder
-- Versus --
Aakruthi Engineers & Interiors & Others ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. Aakruthi Engineers & Interiors, Partnership Firm, represented by its Partners Sri. T.S.Pahniraj Rama Rao and Smt. Parimala S.Muddi, No.164/3, Kengeri Hobli, Bheemanakuppa Village, Bengaluru South - 560 060.
2. Sri. S.Phaniraj Rama Rao, S/o. T.S.Rama Rao F-4, Sudha Apartments No.40, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
3. Smt. Pramila S.Muddi, W/o. T.S.Phani Raj Rama Rao, F-4, Sudha Apartments No.40, Margosa Road, Malleshwram, Bengaluru-560 003.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.429/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru **on 30/05/2019** an amount of **Rs. 14,10,484/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Four Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **29th day of July 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

TRC NO: 527/2019

Canara Bank, Deepu Complex, Savakanahalli Gate, Devanahalli - 562110, Bengaluru Rural. ...Certificate Holder Bank
-- Versus --
SRI ANJANEYA S ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri. Anjaneya.S, S/o. Shantharaj, # 48/2, 3rd Main Road, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058 ...Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA/723/2018** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **dtd. 20/4/2019** an amount of **Rs.10,86,478.76 (Rupees Ten Lakh(s) Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight And Paise Seventy Six Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and seal or the Tribunal **on 08th day of Aug, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 2, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank
SASTRA DIVISION, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Plot No.4, Sec.10, Dwarka New Delhi. (e-mail: horecovery@pnb.co.in/hosastrawilful@pnb.co.in)

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

To1. M/s. Dwarkamayee Solutions, Smt. Sindhu Suresh Gowda (Proprietor) No.100/A, Ground Floor, 19th Main, "N" Block Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560010 **2. Sh. Suresh Gowda (Guarantor),** No.290/09, 2nd Floor, 8th Main Block, 2nd Stage, Maileshwaram, Bangalore - 560055 **3. Sh. Deepak M.R. (Guarantor),** D.No.FFI, SGS Highland Sachidanand Nagar, BEML, 5th Stage Rajarjeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560095
Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s),
Reg.: Show Cause for identification of default in the loan account of M/s. Dwarkamayee Solutions with the Bank, as "Wilful".
Please refer to notice dated **29-03-2023** issued by the bank vide which the even(s) of willful default perceived in the captioned loan account has been pointed out and you were thereby called upon to rectify the default/s within 10 days of receipt of the said notice. However, you failed / neglected to take any action thereto.The facts of the matter were placed before the Committee for identification of Wilful Defaulters (Identification Committee)constituted in consonance with the RBI guidelines. The Committee, in its meeting held on 18-08-2023, after going through facts of the matter & evidence on record, has concluded that events of default/s has occurred in the account which are willful and substantial to classify you as Wilful Defaulter, inter alia for the following reasons.
Capacity to Pay
As per the net worth certificate dated **14.08.2014** submitted by M/s.RSS & Co, CA, the borrower Mrs. Sindhu Suresh Gowda is having net worth of Rs.5.41 Crore and as per the net worth certificate dated 16.08.2014 submitted by M/s DH Prabhakar & Co. CA, Mr. Deepak MR (guarantor) is having net worth of Rs. 10.54 Crore. Further as per the CR dated 06.09.2014, the borrower Smt. Sindhu Suresh Gowda is having net means of Rs.5.41 Crore and also having immovable property, and as per the CR dated 09.09.2014, the guarantor Mr. Suresh Gowda, is having net means of Rs.32 Lakh and as per CR dated 06-09-2014, Mr. MR Deepak (guarantor) is having net means of Rs.9.89 Cr and also owning immovable properties of Rs.1045.54 Lakh.
Diversions of Funds
As per the letter dated 05.01.2019 by the borrower Mrs. Sindhu Suresh Gowda, it has been informed that she has invested the funds in real estate business, also has informed that they have sold the business to a distributor, However, the Sale proceeds have not been routed through the account, thereby diverted the funds of bank.
Unauthorized Disposal / Removal of the Charged Assets
As per letter dated 05.01.2019 of the prop.Mrs. Sindhu Suresh Gowda, she sold her business to the distributor without taking permission / consent of the bank/FI
In case you feel aggrieved by the aforesaid conclusion of the identification Committee, you may make a submission / representation, if you so desire, to the identification Committee for consideration and show cause as to why you should not be classified as Wilful Defaulter. Your submission/ representation must reach us within 15 days of the receipt here of and be sent either to Dy. General Manager, Sastra Division , 3rd Floor, East Wing, Punjab National Bank, Head Office, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075 or through the Zonal SASTRA Hyderabad If we do not receive any submission / representation of yours, it would be deemed that you have noting to say in your defense against the conclusion of the identification Committee. Please take note that pursuant to submission / non submission of your show cause. The identification Committee shall proceed to pass an order with regard to declaration of the Wilful Defaulter as per the RBI guidelines.
The undersigned is the member of the identification Committee constituted in consonance with the RBI directives and the identification Committee has authorized the undersigned to send this show cause notice under his signature.

(E.J. Jerome John)
Member of Identification Committee

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/ EEE(O)/ AEE-3/23-24/3622-24 Date: 04.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids against Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/Goods/2023-24/01,Dtd: 19.10.2023** for **"Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of C type wedge connectors of various sizes required for CR Nagara TL&SS Division coming under Tr(W&M) Circle, Mysuru** on Total Turn Key (TTK) Basis."
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed Notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 09.11.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, El., Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R. Mohalla, Mysore-570 007. Ph: 0821-2455770.

CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED (CFM-ARC)

Registered Office: Office Block No. A/1003, West Gate, Near Ymca Club, Sur. No. 835/1+3, S.g.highway, Makarba, Ahmedabad-380051
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, Wakefield House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400038.
Email: [eswarappa.s@cfmarc.in], **Contact:** [7406666657]

APPENDIX - IV-A **SALE NOTICE**
FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited (**'CFM-ARC'**) (acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFM-ARC Trust - 67) have acquired the entire outstanding debt along with underlying securities of **Mr. A SURESH KUMAR('Borrower')** under section 5 of the said Act vide Registered Assignment Agreement dated 31.12.2020 and by virtue of the said Assignment Agreement, L&T Finance Ltd assigned all the rights, title and interests along with underlying securities and guarantees in favor of CFM-ARC.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors/Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **CFM-ARC** on **19-04-2023**, the secured creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "No recourse Basis"; **on 15.12.2023** for recovery of total amount of **Rs.36,82,982.99/-** as on **03-11-2023** and further interest and other costs thereon due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr. A SURESH KUMAR(Borrower), Mr. SHANKAR REDDY A& M/s ARUNACHALESWARA STANSLOGISTICS INDIA PVT.** (THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR **A SURESH KUMAR**)(Co-Borrower/s)bearing Loan Account No.**BLRHL18000813.**

DETAILS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Address- Residential Site No. 319, E-khata No. 150200300600321405, Formed In Sy. No. 84/3, Situated At Reliable Gardenia, Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560068, South Taluk In The B.d.a. Approved Layout Measuring East To West 50 Feet And North To Sourth 30 Feet And Bounded On East: Site No. 298, West: Road, North: Site No. 318, South: Site No. 320.
SECURED DEBT	**Rs.36,82,982.99/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lac Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two and Ninety Nine Paise) as on 03.11.2023
INSPECTION DATE	08.12.2023 (With prior consultation of Authorised Officer)
RESERVE PRICE	**Rs. 74,25,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Four Lac Twenty Five Thousand Only)
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID	14.12.2023
TIME/ DATE/ PLACE For Auction	15.12.2023 at 11 am, S.Eswarappa, M+ 917406666657 E-Auction- https://sarfaesi.E-auctiontiger.net
EMD	10% of Reserve Price i.e. **Rs. 7,42,500/-** (Rupees Seven Lac Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)

Encumbrances if any : Not known to the secured creditor.
For details of Terms and Conditions of Sale please refer to the link provided in Sale Notice on secured Creditor's website i.e. http://www.cfmarc.in **Sd/-**
Date : 06.11.2023 **Authorised Officer, CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.**
Place : Bangalore **Acting as trustee of CFMARC Trust -67**

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU

BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 14384

Syndicate Bank, Malleshwaram 18th Cross Branch, No.64 and 215, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram 18th Cross, Bengaluru-560 055. **...Certificate Holder**

-- Versus --

Mr. Narasimha Murthy.B.P. & Others ...Defendants/Certified Debtors

To

1. **Mr. Narasimha Murthy B.P.,** S/o. Late Poojappa, Res at: No.183, Siresandra Village, Byatha Post, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 089.
2. **Smt. Rathnamma @ Munirathnamma,** W/o. Sri. Manjunatha, Res at: Juligere Village, Tippur Post, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
3. **Sri. Manjunatha,** S/o. Sri. B.M.Nanjappa, Res at: No.124/1407, Village Panchayath Khatha No.16/7, Between Byatha and Siresandra Village, Byatha Post, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North.

DEMAND NOTICE

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 792/2016** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore **on 27/09/2018** an amount of **Rs.88,44,949.80/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four and Paise Eighty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **23 Oct, 2018.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-I, BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Kalkere Branch, Bengaluru
E-mail: cb5910@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]

NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Kalkere Branch,** Bengaluru under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: 1. Smt. Sarala Devi, W/o. Late Sri D. Raja, Sy. No. 40, Khata No. 20, Opp. Govt. School, K. Channasandra, Kanaka nagara Main Road, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru - 560 043. **2. Sri Manoj Bharathi R.,** S/o. Late Sri D .Raja, Sy. No. 40, Khata No. 20, Opp. Govt. School, K. Channasandra, Kanakanagara Main Road, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru - 560 043.**3. Smt. Priyanka R.,** W/o. Jaya kumar P., No. 170/2, 9th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bangarpet, Bemi Nagar, Bangarpet Kolar, Karnataka - 563 115, **4. R. Dinesh, S/o.** Late Sri D. RAja, No. 1223, Periyar Nagar, BSA Road, Opp Foot Ball Ground, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru - 560 005.

Sl. No	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	5910619000024	Housing Loan	08.04.2019	Rs.20,00,000/-

Total Liability as on 04.03.2023 :**Rs. 24,30,532.57/-** + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Details of Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of the property Gove. Sy. No. 40, measuring 7 acre 2 guntas, out of which measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 15 feet, totally 525 square feet, situated at K. Channasandra Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the Limits of BBMP , Khatha No. 20, Sy. No. 40, then New Katha No. 20/40/20, Ward No. 26, and bounded on the East by : House belongs to Yashodamma, West by : Road, North by : House belongs to Neelamma, South by : House belongs to Ganesh.

Name of the Title deed holders :Smt. Sarala Devi W/o. late D Raja, 2. R. Manoj Bharathi S/o. Late D. Raja, 3. R. Priyanka D/o. Late D Raja, 4. R. Dinesh W/o. Late D Raja.

Date of NPA: 02.09.2023 Demand Notice Date:04.09.2023

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Sd/-
Place : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Date : 04.09.2023 **Canara Bank**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002. Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663, Email:sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. HL/40640218647

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **17/08/2023** issued, calling upon the borrower: **Sri. Arun Kumar E** S/o Mr.Eshwarappa # 20, Eshwarnag Nilayam 1st Block, 13th Cross, Akshay Nagar, T C Palya Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka Pin: 560016. **Sri. Arun Kumar E** S/o Mr.Eshwarappa, Garden Residency, Flat. No.F-207, First Floor F Block, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchatay, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District Pin:560105 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.67,95,487/-**(Rupees sixty seven lakhs ninety five thousand four hundred and eighty seven only) as on 09/08/2023. and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **03.11.2023.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.69,40,124/- (**Rupees sixty nine lakhs forty thousand one hundred twenty four only) as on 31-10-2023 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "C" : (DESCRIPTION OF LARGER EXTENT OF LAND) All that piece and parcel of the property residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.No:108/3 (previously portion of Sy.No:108/2, Kachanayakanahalli Village ,Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk ,Bangalore District) ,bearing RDPR No:150200103200820885, property No:522/108/3, situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village , Hennagara Village Panchayath ,Anekal Block, Bangalore District (land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum dated 11-11-1992 vide No:B/DIS/ALN/SR(A)/ 103/1988-89, Issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District

Bounded by: East : Land in Sy No:108/2 West: Road, carved out of kharab land, North : Road, carved out of kharab land, South :Tank Bed

SCHEDULE "C-I": (Undivided share, right, title, interest of land to be conveyed under this sale Deed) **400Sq.Ft.** of undivided share, right, title and interest of land in the Schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE "C-II": (Apartment conveyed under this Sale Deed): All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No.F-207 totally measuring a super built-up area of 1089 Sq.ft in the First Floor in 'F' Block along with covered Car Parking space in the Basement /Surface/ Stilt Floor numbered as F-207 along with 400 Sq.ft of undivided interest in land comprising schedule 'A' Property is one of such apartment units/flats in the said apartment building "GARDEN RESIDENCY", situated at Kachanayakanahally village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District ,Bengaluru.

Bounded by: East :Residential Apartment privately numbered as F-208 in First Floor of "F" Block, West: Area open to sky of the apartment building, North :Area open to sky of the apartment building, South :Common Corridor.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer& Chief Manager
Date: 03.11.2023 STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-154/23-24/6106-11 Date: 04.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(S)/ EE(O)/AEE-1/SM/2023-24/EPR-13 to 23 Dated 04.11.2023 for **providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 400kV, 220kV, 66kV Sub-stations coming under the jurisdiction of BMAZ South Circle.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.11.2023** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ (South) Circle, Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Jalahalli Ii (DP 10444) Bangalore
Ph.No.9449860049, email ID : cb10444@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of JALAHALLI II Branch Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" without any recourse on **23.11.2023**, for recovery of **Rs.6,68,66,740.89** (Six Crore Sixty Eight lakhs Sixty Six thousand Seven hundred forty and paise eighty nine only) as on **31/ 10/2023** plus further interest and cost from **31/10/2023 plus OPE** due to the JALAHALLI II Branch of Canara Bank from Borrowers **1. M/s. A & S Engineering,** A Partnership firm, Situated at Site No.1, Behind Boralingappa Garden, Peenya, Bangalore-560058, **2. Sri. V Palguna Krishnan** S/o R Venkateshan, No.472, 10th A Main, 4th Cross, MEI Layout, Bagalgunte, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.

The reserve price of the property is mentioned here below and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is 10% of Reserve Price of the property.

Reserve Price (Lakh Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit (Lakh Rupees)
Rs.112.62 Lakhs	Rs.11.26 Lakhs

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **21.11.2023 upto 4.00 pm.**

Encumbrances : The property/ies will be sold in "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" without any recourse condition, including encumbrances if any. (There are encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank, Partition deed present after the bank Mortgage).

Details and full description of the property(ies):

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No:472 Situated in Bagalgunte Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore, Private Layout formed by the Mysore Electrical Industries (MEI) Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 30 feet, In all Total 166.66 Square yard and bounded on the: East by: Site No-455, West by: Road, North by: Site No-471, South by: Site No-473

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Branch Manager through **JALAHALLI II Branch Bangalore**, Canara bank , **Ph. No. 9449860049** during office hours on any working day.

E-auction arranged by the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd. through the website www.indianbankseauction.com. Email eauction@ccsl.co.in

Place: Bangalore Sd/-
Date: 04.11.2023 Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

THE BRAITHWAITE BURN AND JESSOP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

BBJ KOLKATA

(A Government of India Enterprise)

Regd. Off.: 27, Rajendra Nath Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001 Phone No. (033) 2248-5841-44; Fax: (033) 2210-3961 E-mail : info.bbjconst@bbjconst.com; Website: www.bbjconst.com

NOTICE INVITING E-BID

e-Tenders are invited, UNDER THE TWO-BID SYSTEM, from reputed Agency(ies) for construction of **Foot Over Bridges (FOBs)** and other miscellaneous works at the stations identified for the development under Amrit Bharat Station scheme in the jurisdiction of Gati Shakti Unit – Asansol Division, Eastern Railway.

e-Tender No.: eNIT/FOB-ASANSOL/CIVIL/2157/3138/ PKG-II/26-2023 Dated 06-Nov-2023
e-Tender No.: eNIT/FOB-ASANSOL/CIVIL/2157/3138/ PKG-III/27-2023 Dated 06-Nov-2023

Tender documents may be downloaded from https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and/or www.bbjconst.com **(Tender ID: 2023_BBJC_779384_1 and 2023_BBJC_779397_1)**. Sealed e-Bids (Two-Cover System) can be uploaded in e-procurement portal up to 15:00 hrs. on or before 20/11/2023 and opening of e-Tenders (Technical) will be on 21/11/2023 at 15:00 hrs. "Corrigendum", if any, would appear only on the BBJ's website & e-Procurement portal and not to be published in any newspaper.

Indian Overseas Bank

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CENTRAL OFFICE, 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI – 600002

RECRUITMENT OF SPECIALIST OFFICERS - 2023-2024

Indian Overseas Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank with headquarters in Chennai having geographical presence all over India and abroad, invites applications for 66 vacancies across posts from eligible candidates, for the captioned recruitment process. The detailed advertisement regarding the eligibility such as Age, Qualification, Experience & Other requirements are available in the Bank's website **www.iob.in** under **"Careers"** page. **APPLY ONLINE.** Online Registration: **06.11.2023 – 19.11.2023 (Both days inclusive)**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

ULSOOR Branch
No: 18, Cambridge Road, ULSOOR, Pin – 560008, Bengaluru, Ph: 9483530791
e-mail: cb0791@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

[Section 13(4)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice 13(2) dated **13/07/2023** calling upon the **Borrower/s: 1. Mr. RAVITEJA PEETHA** S/O KRUPA RAO PEETHA and **Guarantor/s 1. Mrs. PEETHA ANKAMMA to** repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 1,43,13,719.75 (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen and Seventy Five paisa only**) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **3RD day of November of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.1,43,13,719.75** (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen and Seventy Five paisa only) plus interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Sl No.	Immovable	Name of the Title holder
1	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BBMP khatha No 637/94/1B converted Sy no 94/1B (converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No BDS/ALN E(VB:SR:455/2003-04 Dated 03.03.2004 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore)situated as Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Banglore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring about 0.21 ¼ guntas or 23,141.25 sq.ft out of 0.24 ¼ guntas and bound as follows: East By: Property of Shesha Reddy, West By: Property of Doreswamy Mudaliar, North By: Property of Somashekar Reddy South By: Road.	Mr. Raviteja Peetha

Place : Halasuru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 03.11.2023 **Canara Bank**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(GERUSOPPA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Platform)

KPCL invites bids in two covers through **"e" Procurement Portal (Website URL: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from reputed/ qualified bidders/ Regular Manufacturer/ Authorized Agency with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works including Supply of necessary materials to reputed Organization/ Company; Hydro generating Stations/ Power Plants for the following works: **1) KPCL/2023-24/EL/ WORK_INDENT670 Date: 30.10.2023** for Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of 1 MVA transformer 11KV/433V Distribution Transformer at GPH. EMD: **Rs.50640/-. 2) KPCL/2023-24/SE0062 Date: 26.10.2023** for Providing assistance in Maintenance of Power Supply and external Communication at GP through externa agency for a period of two years and extendable one more year based on performance of the agency. EMD: **Rs.78330/-.** Last date for online submission of tenders: For Sl. No. 1: **27.11.2023 up to 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **10.11.2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (O&M)** GP, KPCL, Gerusoppa-581 384 Honavar-Tq. U. K. Dist. Tel:08387-268307 Mob:9449598827. E-mail: eee1gp.kpcl@ gmail.com ; eeemogkpcl@karnataka.gov.in

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/F-/5116-23 Date: 04.11.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against this office TENDER INDENT No: KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT242 for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11KV transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11KV transformer without switchgears at 110kV Sankeshwar S/S in Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi District.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 4:00 pm on 06.11.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Ele.,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590010. Ph: 0831-2950835/2950836

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU

BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

RC No. 13008

Canara Bank, Vivekanandanagar Branch, Banasawadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560 033. **...Certificate Holder**

-- Versus --

M/s. Srinivas Service Station & Others ...Certified Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE

To

M/s. Srinivas Service Station, A Proprietary concern, Rep by its Proprietrix, Smt. C.C.Kavitha, W/o. A.P.Vasudev, Jaibharath Nagar, Banasawadi Main Road, M.S.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 033.

Sri. A.P.Vasudev S/o. Late Poovaiah, M/s. Srinivasa Service Station, Jaibharath Nagar, Banasawadi Main Road, M.S.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 033.

Sri. A.Selvaraj, S/o. Late Annadurai, M/s. Srinivasa Service Station, Jaibharath Nagar, Banasawadi Main Road, M.S.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 033.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA 1047/2013** passed by the Presiding Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore an amount of **17,09,304.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh(s) Nine Thousand Three Hundred Four Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of O.A. till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **30th day of July 2018**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, U R RAO SATELLITE CENTRE

HAL Airport Road, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560 017.
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
(Phone: 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax: 080 25084155)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tender is invited for the following work.

Description	Details	
Name of work	Providing 10 Persons Capacity Passenger Lift at ISRO Guest House, Devanahalli, Bangalore -562110	Providing SS Piping for GN2 and SS Exhaust ducting for new HMC lab at INSAT Annex Building Main CAMPUS, URSC, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017.
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/1036/ETN-90M/2023-24 Dt.03.11.2023.	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/0028/ETN-05/2023-24 Dt.03.11.2023
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 27.11 Lakhs	₹ 9.56 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tender	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date issue of work order.	180 days / 6 months	60 days / 2 months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10:30 Hrs. on 06.11.2023 to 16:30Hrs. on 20.11.2023	From 10:30 Hrs. on 06.11.2023 to 16:30Hrs. on 20.11.2023
Bid clarification	From 11:00 Hrs. on 06.11.2023 to 17:00 Hrs. on 21.11.2023	From 11:00 Hrs. on 06.11.2023 to 17:00 Hrs. on 21.11.2023
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17:00hrs on 22.11.2023	Upto 17:00hrs on 22.11.2023
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 28.11.2023	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 28.11.2023
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 28.11.2023	After 15:00 Hrs. on 28.11.2023
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.54,220/- (Valid for 180 days)**	**Rs.19,120/- (Valid for 180 days)**

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Director (Construction & Maintenance Group)

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIII ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C.MISC.No.6551/2023

BETWEEN:Smt. Rathnamma D/o.Late P. Lakshmanappa W/o. Krishnamurthy Aged about 52 years Residing at No.E-4-3, Chamundeshwari Temple, Jayanthinagara, Horamavu Bengaluru -560 043

AND:The Tahasildhar Registrar of Births and Deaths Bengaluru East Taluk, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru **...RESPONDENT**

PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to register the date of death of the deceased who is the petitioner's grand mother by name as **LATE MADAMMA W/O. PUTTANNA@PUTTAPPA** who was died on **24/02/1994 at Kalkere, Bengaluru East Taluk** and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for the purpose of getting Death Certificate and other government facilities.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 27-11-2023** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 02nd day of Nov 2023.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
XXIII ACMM Court

Advocate for Petitioner
Sri. M. Prakash Advocate
1st Floor, G.K. Complex, Soundaryamahal Circle, Doddaballapura-561 203

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SUB JUDGE, GUDALUR, THE NILGIRIS.

I.A.No.5/2023
in
O.S. No. 96/2017

Smt. Jaya, ... Petitioner/Plaintiff
Vs.
1. P.Nanjundan (Since Deceased)
2. N.Jegan
3. N.Mahesh ...Respondents/ defendants

To
N. Mahesh, S/o late. Nanjundan, No.154/2, Eshwara Temple road, Amruthahalli, Sahakaranagar P.O., Bangalore North, Bangalore

NOTICE

Please take notice that the petitioner above named has filed this petition under ORDER IX RULE 9 OF CPC and the same stands posted for your appearance and objections if any at 10.30.a.m on 21.11.2023 and in default of your appearance and objection before this court on the time and date fixed the petition will be heard and determined exparte.

Gudalur
04.11.2023

BY ORDER
Counsel for the Petitioner/Plaintiff
A. Jegadeesan, Advocate,
Gudalur, The Nilgiris. Cell No : 9442368661

Bamul Nandini

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡೇರಿ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣ:

ಡಾ:ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್.ಮರೀಗೌಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಕಾಲೇಜು ಅಂಚೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560029.

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮೆಗಾ ಡೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲು, ಮೊಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಾಲಿನ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳ ಪ್ಯಾಕಿಂಗ್ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ದ್ವೈವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ತುಂಡು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ESI & EPF ಕೋಡ್ ನಂ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರಕು ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವಾ ತೆರಿಗೆ, ಆದಾಯ ತೆರಿಗೆ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾದ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು E-procurement Portal of Karnataka ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KMF/2023-24/SE0941

1	ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು (Access to E-Tender) ಲಭ್ಯತೆ.	ದಿನಾಂಕ **06.11.2023** ರಿಂದ **05.12.2023** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಕೋರಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ಸಮಯ	**30.11.2023** ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **2.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ಸಮಯ	**05.12.2023** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE CUM E-AUCTION NOTICE
FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" (Exclusive of Furniture / Fixture / Stocks / Movables) basis **on 12/12/2023** through online web portal **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/ibapi/indes.jsp).**for recovery of below mentioned amount dues to the Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors/Mortgagors. The Reserve Price& EMD and other details are mentioned in below table. For Detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's web site www.centralbankofindia.co.in. Last date of deposit of EMD will be **06/12/2023.**

S. No.	Name of Borrowers& Guarantors/Mortgagors Branch Name	Amount outstanding	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Increment amount	Other Encum-brances	Date of Visit & Contact person details
1	**Mrs. Kamla Raj Purohit** (Borrower) **Mr. Pravin Singh** (Co-Borrower) **Branch Name: Miller Road Bangalore Possession Type: Physical Possession.**	**Rs. 1,16,40,227.77** as on 02/11/2023 + further interest thereon	All the piece and parcel of the residential Flat/Apartment property in the Name of Mrs. Kamala Raj Purohit &Mr. Pravin Singh bearing Three Bed room residential **Apartment bearing No. SUN-I-6G-1001, on 10th Floor in the 6 G Block/Wing of the** residential complex **"PROVIDENT SUNWORTH"** constructed on the schedule A property having a **Carpet area of 775 Sqft**(which is inclusive of balconies & utility space) corresponding to a **Super Built Up area of 1082 Sqft.** Together with right to use one covered Car Parking facility to be allotted separately. All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property of Flat **Apartment bearing No. SUN-I-6G-1001, on 10th Floor in the 6 G Block/Wing of the** residential complex **"PROVIDENT SUNWORTH"** constructed on the schedule A property having a **Carpet area of 775 Sqft**(which is inclusive of balconies & utility space) corresponding to a **Super Built Up area of 1082 Sqft.** Together with right to use one covered Car Parking facility to be allotted separately. **Boundaries:**	**Rs.43,65,000.00** The property shall be sold only above the reserve price	Rs.4,36,500/-	Rs.10,000/-	Not Known to Bank	**04/12/2023** **Mrs.Priyalata Branch Manager 9538877301**

	For land	For Flat
East	3Meter access Road and thereafter Doddabele Village Boundry	Entrance
West	Kambipura Village Boundary	Open to sky
North	Doddabele Village Boundary	Flat No.1002
South	Vrushabhavathi Valley and Private property	Lift Area then Open to sky

This may also be treated as notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of security (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of e-Auction sale on the above date.

For participating in the E-auction sale, the intending bidders should register their details with the service providerhttps://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp well in advance and shall get user ID & password. Intending bidders advised to change only the password. Bidder may visit https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/ index.jsp for educational videos. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided Bank's website:www.centralbankofindia.co.in.

Bidder will register on website https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited in Global EMD wallet through NEFT/transfer (after generation for Challan from https://mstcecommers.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

The highest and successful bidder should pay the 25% of the bid amount (including EMD amount) on the same or next day of auction. EMD amount shall be forfeited, if the successful bidder fails to pay the 25% of the bid amount within the next day of auction. The entire bid amount should be paid within 15 days of the confirmation of sale. Failure to pay the bid amount within the stipulated will lead to forfeiture of the amount already paid.

Sale Certificate shall be issued only in the name/s of the person/s who has/have submitted the bid, not in the name of any other person/s. Successful bidder shall bear the registration costs/stamp duty or any other cost applicable.

The Terms & conditions shall be strictly as per the provisions of the security interest Rules (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICES UNDER RULE 8(6)/RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 FOR PROPERTIES

Date: 02.11.2023 **Sd/-**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**

In a rare find, archaeology enthusiasts have found a geoglyph dating back to 1000 BC, atop a granite hillock on the outskirts of Muduchintalapalli mandal headquarters in Medchal-Malkajgiri district, Telangana

REGIONAL PARTIES WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN COMING DAYS: KCR

Says Cong and BJP cut from the same cloth; urges minorities to vote for BRS

B SATYANARAYANA REDDY
@Khammam

STATING that regional parties are going to play a key role in the coming days, Chief Minister and BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao said the interests of a state are going to be protected if there are regional players. Addressing election meetings in Khammam and Kothagudem on Sunday, he stated that the Congress and BJP are cut from the same cloth. "Did they (BJP and Congress) ever raise the flag of Telangana? Did they ever take the Telangana struggle on their shoulders? They only insulted us, fired at us and put us in jails whenever we started (Telangana struggle). Why would they have love (towards the state)," he said.

The Congress leaders in the state are dictated by their bosses in Delhi, he alleged. "Should we also become slaves by remaining under these 'ghulams' (slaves) of Delhi," he asked the public.

Stating that Khammam was in extremely bad shape when he visited during the Congress regime, the chief minister said the BRS government had transformed the city by spending thousands of crores of public funds. "During the Congress regime, people were suffering due to the shortage of power and water supply. However, people are now getting uninterrupted power supply and ample drinking water," he added.

"After the BRS wins a record third time and forms a government in Telangana, I will inaugurate the Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project (SRLIP)," KCR declared.

Switching to Urdu, he urged the minorities to vote for the pink party, which, he said, stood up for their rights. The Congress had spent "only ₹900 crore" for minorities during its regime while the BRS government had already allocated over ₹12,000 crore, he averred.

The BRS chief said Srinivasa Reddy had earlier prevented party candidates from contesting for an Assembly seat from the erstwhile Khammam district. "People will not tolerate such antics and taught him a befitting lesson," he remarked.

Election Commission officials inspect Telangana CM and BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao's campaign vehicle in Kothagudem | EXPRESS

Will confiscate KCR's properties If BJP comes to power, says BJP MP

Karimnagar: BJP National General Secretary and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar alleged that if the BJP assumes power in the State the properties belonging to Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's family will be confiscated. Addressing the media in Karimnagar on Sunday, Bandi asserted a BJP-led State government will recover funds obtained through alleged corrupt practices in the guise of commissions. He specifically targeted the issues surrounding the Medigadda barrage and the submerged piers. Urging the authorities to specify a date and time, Bandi said that he would visit Medigadda accompanied by irrigation experts. ENS

Cong in a dilemma as CPM closes door on pact

B KARTHEEK @ Hyderabad

AS CPM state secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram began announcing the names of their candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections early on Sunday, veteran Congress leader K Jana Reddy and CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who had been tasked with negotiating an alliance with the CPI and CPM, reached out to him by phone. However, by that point, the damage had already been done.

Disregarding the alliance proposal, the CPM declared its intent to contest 17 seats and revealed candidates for 14 of them, including Bhadrachalam, Aswaraopet, Palair, Madhira, Wyra, Khammam and Sathupalli in the erstwhile Khammam district.

During the phone conversation with Bhatti Vikramarka after Veerabhadram had already announced the candidates, the Congress leader enquired about the possibility of an alliance, stating that they were in discussions with the party high command. In response, Veerabhadram suggested that they first reach a decision within their party and then approach the CPM.

ATROCITY CASE

SC boy ends life after harassment from BC peers in Tamil Nadu

NACCHINARKKINIYAN M
@ Pudukkottai

The 16-year-old SC boy, studying in class 11 at a government school, died by suicide on Friday allegedly after undergoing caste-based harassment at the hands of caste Hindu boys from the same village in Keeranur area of Pudukkottai district.

While police originally registered a case under Section 174 of CrPC, following preliminary investigations the case was altered to include Section 306 and 323 of the IPC as well as provisions of the SC/ST act against five unnamed persons on Sunday.

According to Udayalippatti police, the boy was in a relationship with a girl from a caste Hindu community. Learning of this, boys from the girl's community started harassing him. "On Friday morning, when the boy was about to board the bus to school, the group of five boys assaulted him and abused him by his caste name," police said. Upset over this, the boy went home and allegedly ended his life.

His grandfather found his body and informed the neighbours. Police sent the body to Pudukkottai government hospital for post-mortem and the cremation was conducted on Saturday.

Based on a complaint from the boy's mother, police initially registered the case as an unnatural death with the reason suspected to be "vexation of life due to love failure". However, the preliminary inquiry by the Udayalippatti police suggested he had faced harassment from the caste Hindu boys, which had led him to take his life. Sources said Friday was not the first time the boy was harassed.

Udayalippatti police said as provisions under SC/ST act had been invoked, the case would be investigated by the Keeranur DSP R Sengottuvelavan.

Meanwhile, the district committee of the CPM said the boy's suicide raised suspicion. "We demand a proper investigation. The family told us the boy had been repeatedly harassed and beaten by BC boys in the village," the party said.

Police outside the residence of Mines and Geology Deputy Director Prathima KS at Subramanyapura in Bengaluru on Sunday

Family members dismiss dispute angle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

THE family members of Mines and Geology Department Deputy Director Prathima K S dismissed reports that her murder was over family disputes. They told reporters here on Sunday that Prathima had come home for a house warming ceremony last month and stayed for a week. She had a good relationship with her family, they said.

The family was told of Prathima's death by her brother. Her son is an SSLC student in Thirthahalli. Prathima used to call her son every day before he left for school.

Her brother K Praveesh told media persons that they are in the dark about what happened and that she had no enemies.

Family sources said Prathima studied in Tunga College, Thirthahalli, and later completed MSc from Kuvempu University. She joined the Mines and Geology Department as a geologist in 2008. Thereafter, she worked at the head office at Ramanagara near Bengaluru. Recently, she was promoted as senior geologist and was appointed Deputy Director in Bengaluru Rural.

Reason will be known after through probe: Minister

Davangere: Horticulture, Mines and Geology Minister S S Mallikarjun on Sunday said the reason behind the murder of Mines and Geology Deputy Director Prathima K S will be known after a through investigation. "Family disputes or preventing illegal mining may be the reasons. The police are investigating after which the reason will be identified. Anyone who were in touch with her, like her car driver, will questioned," he told reporters here.

'No threats to life because of work'

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CRIME officers from the Forensic Science Laboratory and sniffer dog squad were pressed into service. Police Commissioner B Dayananda and other senior police officers visited the spot.

Sources said there was no CCTV camera installed in the building where Prathima was residing. "There are no CCTV cameras for about 100-200 metres from her house. We are analyisng the CCTV footage gathered from the locality to trace the assailants. As part of the investigation, her car driver and neighbours were questioned. We are probing multiple angles, including family dispute and personal enmity," an officer said.

Prathima's brother Prateesh said his sister had no enemies. "I spoke to her regularly and also on Saturday. But she was not answering my calls since 8.30 pm (Saturday). I came to check on her," he lamented.

Bengaluru Urban District Deputy Commissioner Dayananda KA said Prathima was an officer with a positive mindset. "I held a meeting with the department officials a month ago and had instructed them to raid places where illegal mining is happening," he said. There was no threat to her life because of the work, he said.

The Subramanyapura police have registered a murder case.

In Mysuru, CM Siddaramaiah said he was gathering information about the incident from the officers.

Cops rescue astrologer after HM intervenes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a swift operation after the intervention of Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, the Pavagada police rescued an astrologer from a gang of six treasure hunters recently.

The accused had kidnapped Ramanna Swami (55) from the outskirts of Pavagada town while he was on his way to his native Rajavanthi village on his motorcycle on November 2. They took him away in their car to a place in Bengaluru and by using his phone called his son. They insisted that ₹16 lakh they had allegedly paid to Ramanna should be returned for his safe release. Panic-stricken family members of Ramanna contacted former Andhra Pradesh minister N Raghuveera Reddy for help who in turn spoke to Dr G Parameshwara following which the police formed a team to nab the abductors.

The astrologer Ramanna

Reddy, a veteran Congress leader, is popular in the region and close to Parameshwara as the latter used to take his help during the assembly elections.

On November 3 evening, the team of police traced the kidnappers and rescued the astrologer. The accused – Shivaraj (32) of Kamalanagara and Ananthakrishna (21) of Chikkabanavara in Bengaluru and Naresh (25) of Kothalagudda in Madakasira taluk of Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh have been arrested and another is still absconding.

The astrologer who was also known for black magic had allegedly promised to guide them to a hidden treasure in the Pavagada region that shares a border with Andhra Pradesh which was infamous for treasure hunting for ages.

MAKESHIFT ARRANGEMENT

A woman makes the best use of what she could find at hand as a sudden downpour hit Ambattur in Chennai on Sunday | PRAVIKUMAR

Poacher shot dead by foresters at BTR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

A 26-year-old poacher was shot dead by forest staff in Bandipur Tiger Reserve in the wee hours of Sunday. Foresters said Manu, a resident of Bhimanabeedu in Gundlupet taluk, was killed in the crossfire near Channamallapura road in Madduru wildlife range in the tiger reserve. The incident took place between 3.30 am and 4 am when poachers were escaping with the meat after killing a sambar deer inside the forest.

Madduru wildlife range is attached to the Kerala border. The informers had tipped the foresters of a possible poaching by youths from forest fringe villages. Based on the information, alert foresters along with staff took up patrolling and a team was also stationed at the nearby anti-poaching camp.

On Saturday night, a gang of around eight to 10 poachers entered the forest area with country-made barrel guns, machetes and other weapons. Travelling deep inside the forest in the dark, the gang had managed to hunt a sambar deer. The gang after removing the skin were carrying meat in bags when they were noticed by the foresters on patrol.

A team led by RFO Mallesh asked the gang to surrender, but as the gang started to fire at the forest staff, the guards fired at the poachers.

While the gang started to escape leaving the meat and weapons, poacher Manu was hit by a bullet fired by the guards. He collapsed and died on the spot.

The foresters tried to apprehend the others, but they managed to escape in the dark.

BTR director Ramesh Kumar along with ACF Ravindra, Chamarajanagar SP Padmini Sahu, Gundlupet inspector Parashivamurthy and others rushed to the spot.

The foresters recovered 120 kg meat, a single barrel gun, a few cartridges and other weapons from the spot. Gundlupet police have registered a case.

Foresters said a few youths living in forest fringe villages in Gundlupet taluk are active in poaching. The youths sell the meat in Gundlupet, Mysuru and Kerala.

Zika: Pregnant women under watch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

THE health department is monitoring pregnant women in around the Thalassery district court where eight Zika cases were confirmed, Minister Veena George said on Sunday. The move comes as the Zika infection in pregnant women can lead to birth defects, she said.

Veena said alerts and guidelines have been issued to all health institutions, including private hospitals, she said.

Detailing the measures being taken, Veena said fogging and spraying were being done to control the source of Zika virus-carrying mosquitoes. A larval survey was conducted to detect the source, she said, adding that Aedes larvae and mosquitoes had been collected and sent to the state Department of Entomology.

Outside the court, health workers visited 104 homes. Fogging, source reduction and entomological survey were conducted on Sunday.

"The Aedes mosquitoes spread the Zika virus. While there is no need to worry, people should exercise caution. Though the virus is usually harmless, in pregnant women it can cause defects such as microcephaly in the unborn baby," Veena said.

45 families boycotted by own community

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Koppal

IT'S been more than six months since members of this tribal community in North Karnataka visited their relatives, found alliances for marriage or attended the village fair. That is because these 45 families from the Sudagadu Siddaru community have been boycotted by their own members over a property dispute at Tawargera village in Kushtagi taluk of Koppal district.

The families have now approached the Koppal police seeking an end to their harassment. They are from the Dokkannavar lineage and own 27.8 acre of agricultural land. The problem started a year ago when three families in the village laid claim to the land that was owned by Doddakannavars for many decades.

While 12 of Doddakannavar families live in Tawargera, the others live in Gadag, Dharwad and other parts of Koppal. "We are traditionally a nomadic community and beg for a living. But over the last few decades, some started cultivating land, while others worked as farm and construction labourers. After the villagers boycotted our families six months ago, we are unable to get brides for our youth who are ready for marriage. We reported to the police soon after the three families from the village claimed ownership over our land. We requested them to present legal documents to prove their claims, but they did not. The local panchayat stopped us from going to the court," said Rajshekar K, one of the members of the tribal family.

"We are unable to meet our relatives and those in Tawaragera have to go to other villages to buy groceries. We are not allowed to attend the village fair. This year many of our relatives did not visit us as they have been boycotted," he added.

The Koppal police said that as a precautionary measure, policemen have been stationed at the village. "Senior officials are expected to visit the village and hold meetings with panchayat members," said a police official from Kushtagi.

Bomb squad arrives from Bengaluru

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GIVEN the requirement for specialised equipment to detect potential explosives, the bomb squad from Bengaluru was called in.

The bomb squad of five members, equipped with advanced tools and safety gear, arrived at the scene in the evening. However, their operation was halted shortly after its initiation.

The boxes were covered with gunny bags and markings on them indicated they were 'Made in Bangladesh". The bags also had 'Food Grains and Sugar' written on them. As the railway station serves a significant volume of passengers, the police cordoned off the area and established sandbag barricades as a precautionary measure. Policemen were deployed to stop people from going close to the destiny.

The abandoned boxes in Shivamogga

EDITORIAL

"Safety and security don't just happen: they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear"

Nelson Mandela

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— Ramnath Goenka

DON'T SUBJECT WOMEN LEGISLATORS TO PATRIARCHAL GAZE

WOMEN have to 'work twice as hard to get half as far' as their male counterparts. A woman professional, for instance, has to prove that she is as competent, reliable and talented as her male colleague. This is leaving aside the disproportionate burden of housework, child and elder care many women tackle in their private lives. She must accomplish all of this while never seeming too authoritative, too threatening, too aloof, too familiar, angry, frustrated or impatient because her hold on success is precarious. She may get ahead as long as she complies with a pattern of femininity that is acceptable in a patriarchal society. After all, failure for her, unlike success, comes twice as easily for half the mistakes.

Imagine, then, the efforts a woman must take when she enters the world of politics. She must manage the impossible feat of trying to access power—a masculine pursuit—while subsuming her ambition within a performance of roles society deems acceptable for women like the mother (late chief minister J Jayalalithaa) or sister (West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee). Mistakes or even crimes tolerated in male leaders can not only be career-ending for women (ask Hillary Clinton about her emails), but can also make it harder for other women to pursue a career in politics.

An analysis by PRS Legislative Research shows there is no difference in winnability of women candidates compared to male candidates. The difference in performance when it comes to attendance in the Lok Sabha is just a few points less for women than men, while there is a greater gap in terms of participation in debates (on an average, women took part in 33 debates vs 42 by men)—though few places are conducive to women's speech. Leaders like to say there is nothing women cannot accomplish. But every accomplishment of a woman is against the societal tide that seeks to hold her back. Even an articulate, wealthy, and popular politician like Mahua Moitra faces questions about her late-night calls. These are problems that reservation cannot and will not solve. Unless society changes, as Taylor Swift would put it, women will have to keep running as fast as they can while men get there quicker, by virtue of being men.

TECHNO-LEGAL NET A MUST TO GUARD PRIVACY

THE world's leading premium cell phone manufacturer, Apple, recently sent its users an alert saying they were being targeted by "state-sponsored attackers", who were apparently trying to "remotely compromise the iPhone" associated with their Apple IDs. Most of those who received these alerts in India are leaders of opposition parties. People's handsets carry the story of their lives. The owners of these devices should, therefore, have the choice to control access to them. The Apple alert has brought back into focus the debate over individual privacy versus state surveillance. The government has the power to monitor citizens in order to preserve national security and provide safety to citizens. This monitoring, however, needs to take place under a well-defined, legally sound and transparent framework.

The Supreme Court has laid down guidelines through numerous judgements against illegal and excessive surveillance. The right to privacy has also been recognised as a fundamental right. A nine-judge bench headed by Justice JS Khehar had in 2017 overturned the SC's earlier judgements and ruled that the right to privacy is intrinsic to right to life and personal liberty, which is protected under Article 21 of the Constitution. The judgement empowered citizens to directly approach the courts for violation of this fundamental right. But the rapid technological advancement has given the state unprecedented ability to snoop without the knowledge of the targeted individuals. This requires a new techno-legal framework to guard individual privacy and ensure that personal information is lawfully obtained.

The debate over privacy has been raging for a long time in India. The government passed the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023 in August this year to guarantee individual privacy, among other things. But the law has several loopholes that compromise privacy. For example, it is silent on surveillance and imposes a penalty for "frivolous" complaints. The penalty clause may prevent complainants from approaching the courts with their grievances. The data protection law was passed in parliament without much discussion. A detailed discussion would have brought into focus these and other shortcomings and helped rectify them. The accusation by opposition leaders about the attempt to hack into their phones shows that the threat to privacy continues to remain a clear and present danger. The investigation launched by the government through its agency Computer Emergency Response Team may or may not reveal the source of the latest hacking attempt. But, it has underlined the need for renewed efforts to protect privacy.

QUICK TAKE

BUST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION RACKETS

THE US government has said 96,917 Indians were held trying to illegally cross into the US from October 2022 to September 2023. This is five times the 2019-20 level. Alarmingly, this time 730 unaccompanied children were detained too. Gujarat predictably tops the states of origin. Earlier this year, a family of four from Gujarat's Mehsana district drowned while trying to cross over from Canada. The state has been mulling legislation to crack down on traffickers who pose as travel agents. Meanwhile, they can coordinate better with the Mexican, Canadian and US authorities to stanch this dangerous flow.

We are losing young lives to suicides and accidents. Parents must wake up and support their children, while schools and colleges must be remodelled to become pupil-friendly

SAVING THE YOUNG IS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

PROF K SRINATH REDDY

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SOURAV ROY

MEDIA reports bring us the sad news of teen suicides every day. We also hear about young people dying in road accidents, drowning, or falling from heights while taking selfies. These tragic losses, while heartrending to families and friends, are also serious losses to society, which loses potentially productive human resources and creative talents.

These tragedies result from a combination of many factors, including personal attributes of young people, the biology of brain development at different stages of life, and importantly, the social environment in which people are leading their lives.

Shy, sensitive and introverted individuals are more likely to suffer emotional hurt, succumb to depression and develop suicidal ideations. Those with physical or mental disabilities are also often ostracised or mercilessly taunted. Children who are bullied, harassed or ridiculed can be driven to suicide due to loss of self esteem. Acceptance by peers always matters to young people, but rejection and bullying have risen to a whole different level on social media. When youngsters are digitally hyperconnected but emotionally disconnected, the will to live can be quickly shattered by feelings of isolation.

The pressure cooker of parental expectations often creates huge stress, and failure to meet these expectations becomes the trigger for self harm in the absence of patient hearing, emotional support and unconditional love.

The storyline of suicides in coaching centres is of an entrapped young person who desperately wants to escape from an oppressive, insulting and unforgiving environment and pleads with parents, only to be told to carry on for the sake of a career. How deaf can parents be when the plaintive pleas of their emotionally wounded children do not reach their hearts? The child who feels abandoned seeks escape through suicide.

Those running coaching centres often shelve their humanity when they treat students like machines to be tuned *en masse*, without recognising individual traits and capabilities. Students are made to race on speeding scholastic treadmills. They are prodded with repeated exam shocks till they cross the point of physical and emotional exhaustion. There is no space for compassionate counselling.

Even in conventional schools, there is little attention to individual needs and capabilities of students because the teacher prefers to be an impersonal instructor rather than a guiding guru. Is it not time to close commercially configured coaching torture chambers and remodel our schools and colleges to become pupil-friendly?

Parental income and education, gender, caste, religion, regional and linguistic identities are among the many social variables which also influence the mental health of young minds. Family discord and domestic violence contribute to children devaluing life. As hate and conflict grow in society, unemployment rates rise, global economic instability blurs the vision of a secure future, climate change scorches the planet, and polarised politics prevents timely solutions to pressing societal problems, despondent young people fear they will pay for follies that are not of their making. Losing hope leads to loss of interest in life.

Apart from suicides, young lives are also lost due to rash behaviours which lead to fatal accidents. The adolescent mind is often described as 'immature'. It is in fact a developing brain with rapid tuning and pruning of neuronal synapses to process new information and shed old information. The cortex of the brain, which controls and coordinates higher functions, develops back-to-front. The prefrontal and frontal areas of the cortex develop later. Since these control subcortical structures through finer sensibilities and deliberative decisions, adolescent brains lack the inhibitory influence that prevents impulsive actions. There is increased vulnerability, manifesting in the phenomenon of 'hot cognition'. This makes adolescents and young adults prone to emotional disorders and risky behaviours.

As I wrote in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* in 2013, this is perhaps an evolutionary requirement for human progress. Exploration, innovation and enterprise require risk-taking to achieve progress by challenging and changing the status quo. Tech entrepreneurs over the last half century have exemplified this spirit of 'disruptive innovation'. There is a downside too. While rewards are highly prized, often as instant gratification, risks are discounted. Hence, a spate of speeding and 'selfie' deaths. Inadequate recognition of risks and craving for 'pleasure' rewards make them vulnerable to the enticements of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

Young brains have a high level of neuroplasticity, which enables them to absorb, assimilate and apply new information. They learn new languages faster and are more adept at adopting new digital technologies than their parents. At the same time, there is inadequate cortical control over behaviours to avert or attenuate risks.

Parents need to enable children to gain self confidence as they grow, promote recognition of self worth, and help them make reasoned decisions about their future, whether related to education, employment, friends or life partners. Preferences of elders should never be thrust on young persons as diktats. Open discussions on perspectives and possibilities are preferable. Teachers should never injure the self esteem of a student. They must extend their hands to help, not to inflict corporal punishment. Peer support groups, which can help in counselling, should be created in schools and colleges. Physical activity reduces stress, while team sports, cultural activities and group work foster social bonding.

Recognising the vulnerabilities of young people, society must create safe spaces around them. Strict enforcement of laws and regulations on alcohol, tobacco and drugs is essential. Social media must be regulated to prevent bullying and harassment. Hate speech must be curbed.

Opportunities for education, skill development and gainful employment must be enhanced, with attention to equity. Traffic safety must be promoted. Domestic and street violence must be curbed. Commercial interests which lure young persons into dangerous addictions must be strictly regulated. Even as we give young people the space to grow, explore and gain experience to make correct decisions, we must ensure that they do so in a safe environment. Even as the tigress lets her cubs explore open spaces, she keeps a watch out for predators. So must we.

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A KING'S PERSEVERANCE AGAINST ALL ODDS

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FAITHLINE

THIS week I would like to retell the story of Nala and Damayanti from the *Mahabharata*. It is a testament to the never-say-die human spirit when hit by fate. 'Don't give up easily' is its enduring message.

Nala was the brave, handsome king of the Nishadas and a just ruler. His one vice was gambling. His cousin Pushkara excelled in it whereas Nala played for fun. Nala was also a herbalist and a skilled charioteer. He wrote the first ever cookbook known to the land—the *Paaka Darpanam* or 'A Mirror to Cuisine'.

One day when out hunting, he saw a beautiful swan and was about to shoot it when the swan said, "Don't shoot". Nala put down his bow and arrow, amazed.

The swan said gratefully, "I will tell you about Princess Damayanti in return. She is the daughter of King Bheema of Vidarbha to the south of your kingdom. I have never seen such a beauty. She is intelligent, good-natured, and speaks kindly to all. Her father will soon hold a *swayamvara* so that she can choose a worthy husband."

Nala's eyes lit up. "Will you fly to Vidarbha and tell the princess about me?" he asked and the swan promised.

The swan flew to Damayanti and described Nala to her. She went away deeply impressed. Her father promised to invite Nala. But when the day arrived, Damayanti was shocked. The gods—Indra, Vayu, Agni, Yama and Varuna—each laid a claim to her by virtue of their divine status.

Damayanti spoke her mind.

"I am honoured by your attention, Immortals," she said. 'But I have accepted King Nala as my husband in my heart. Please let me marry him."

The gods laughed. "Not so easily, Damayanti," said Indra. "We will all stand in a row with Nala. You must pick him out from amongst us."

The gods lined up with Nala and to Damayanti's great fright, they all looked exactly like him. "It is our humanity that will let us find each other," she thought. "The celestials are too perfect, their eyes don't blink, their feet don't touch the ground and they have no dust or sweat on them. Whereas Nala is just another human like me."

Damayanti stepped forward and garlanded Nala. The disappointed gods trooped home. On the way they met Kali, the chief of the demi-god *gandharvas*.

"Too late, she has married Nala," they jeered and went their way. Kali choked with spite. He could do nothing for twelve years since there was nothing incorrect in Nala's behaviour. But one day, Nala made a slight error of judgement in a public case. Kali found a hold at last. He took over Nala's better sense and lit the urge in him to gamble.

Nala got into a game of dice with Pushkara that very week. Whoever won would take the other's kingdom. Within an hour of play, Nala was homeless.

EXPRESS

Nala spotted a magnificent snake caught in a forest fire. He immediately ran to pull it out and found cooling herbs to heal its burns. "You are a good man. Let me thank you," it said and bit Nala

Damayanti swiftly sent her children Indra and Indrasena to her parents in Vidarbha. She and Nala made their way on foot into the jungle, numbed with shock.

"I have let down Damayanti and my children," thought Nala. He crept away while Damayanti slept.

Damayanti went into deep shock when she realised that she had been abandoned. She began to stoically move south, towards Vidarbha. Nala wandered deep into the jungle. He saw a magnificent snake caught in a forest fire and ran to pull it out. He found cooling herbs to put on its burns.

"Nala, you are a good man. Let me thank you," said the snake. It leapt at Nala and bit him with its poisoned fangs. Choking and coughing, Nala began to vomit. He was now a misshapen dwarf.

"Do not be afraid, Nala. I have expelled the evil *gandharva* Kali from inside you with my poison. It was he who made you gamble, loading the dice so that you lost, because he wanted your wife."

"Who are you and why have you changed me?"

"I am Karkotaka, king of the serpents. This disguise is to conceal your identity. You will regain your form when you are reunited with your wife. Go to King Rituparna of Ayodhya. He is a mathematical genius. Take service with him as his charioteer and learn about dice from him. Go back with that knowledge to Pushkara and win your kingdom back. The path to Ayodhya lies this way."

The serpent vanished with a hiss.

Back again in Vidarbha, Damayanti hugged her children. "I promise to find your father," she said and sent scouts in every direction to look for Nala.

Meanwhile, Nala was hired by Rituparna, who soon spoke to him with increasing trust. When Nala asked him about the art of dice, Rituparna offered to exchange knowledge. "Teach me about horses and I'll teach you about dice," he promised.

Four years later, a messenger arrived to invite Rituparna to Damayanti's second *swayamvara*. This was her ruse after the scouts brought back word of Rituparna's gifted servant.

A shocked Nala drove Rituparna to Vidarbha. When they arrived, Damayanti sent for Nala. He promptly regained his form. Words cannot describe the joy of their reunion.

Challenged to play again, Pushkara realised that Nala had changed. He lost and tore out in rage. Nala was safely king again.

One day while out riding, Nala was stopped by a sickly-looking man.

"O King, I am Kali. Karkotaka's poison burns me still. I would like to offer you a boon and redeem myself. Please make your wish," he said.

Nala was stirred by unexpected pity. Neither he nor Damayanti had done anything to offend Kali and yet he had wreaked so much spite and heartbreak on them.

"There is nothing I want, Kali," said Nala at last. "But please grant that anyone who hears our story will not be afflicted by bad luck and bad wishes."

Kali raised his shrivelled hand in blessing and Nala rode back, the very last shadow lifted.

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Bollywood influence

Ref: *Disproportionate influence of Bollywood* (Nov 5). The author is forthright in her observations about Bollywood. Youngsters are overly obsessed with stars, forgetting that they have their own skills and talents that will benefit their careers and society. It is also a stark truth that cinema A-listers never mingle with society.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Haryana shocker

Ref: *Principal held for sex abuse of school girls* (Nov 5). While the girls did the right thing, the Haryana police woke up late to arrest the perpetrator. The timely intervention by the Haryana State Commission for Women is doing yeoman's work in summoning all those concerned for further investigation.
P V Prakash, Mumbai

Congress infighting

Ref: *Speculation over CM post haunts Congress* (Nov 5). Despite the thumping victory, Congress bigwigs are at constant loggerheads and the party is in disarray. Conflicts are increasing due to the high command's reticence. Too many aspirants and groups in the party are tarnishing its image.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Need transparency

Ref: *The occasional newsworthy faces indecency charge* (Nov 5). It was nice reading about the rather inconspicuous MP, Vinod Sonkar, also chairman of the Ethics Committee. In the absence of any live recording or minutes of the meeting, the deeply divided and politically influenced people decide the truth as they like. Maybe the new government, whichever it is, will look into this and let people see the truth.
D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Communal harmony

Ref: *From Muhammad Umar to Hindu brethren this Diwali: Kashmir's young, graduate Muslim potter finds making earthen lamps an art* (Nov 5). A nice example of communal harmony, this type of news should be given top priority today. For it can, to some extent, extinguish the ugly fire of communal violence.
B Chandra Sekhar Achary, Kalahandi

Corporate whims

Ref: *End of remote work era as tech companies make WFO mandatory* (Nov 5). 'Work from office' is the healthiest mode and this should have been understood by now. Corporates are changing everything in the name of 'business requirements'. So, how can the term 'culture' be applicable for all the nasty things a corporate does?
Aravindan Sumaithangi Sambasivam, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
If Muslim appeasement of Lalu-Nitish government is not stopped, then a big problem will arise in the border areas of Bihar.

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
Animal insurance of ₹40,000 issued. Congress guarantees the purchase of ₹2/kg cow dung to the cow breeders for the sake of cow service and prosperity of the cattle rearers.

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
LG admin's blanket ban on peaceful protests by government employees reeks of a dictatorial mindset. Stifling voices of reason in a democracy is unacceptable.

Cash-for-query: Panel may adopt report on Tuesday

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

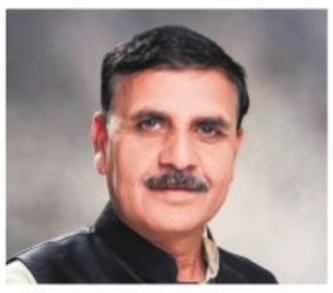
DAYS after witnessing stormy scenes during the deposition of Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, the Lok Sabha's Ethics Committee will meet on November 7 to consider and adopt its draft report in relation to the 'cash-for-query' allegations leveled against TMC MP Mahua Moitra by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey.

While the 15-member committee constitutes more ruling BJP members than the opposition, it was learnt that the recommendations of the committee may not be in favour of the Trinamool MP. The committee will submit its report to Speaker Om Birla amid the possibility of dissent notes from opposition members. The panel's recommendation will be laid down before the House and will be deliberated by the members. The House can accept the recommendation or reject it.

The committee may take a serious view of Moitra's action of walking out of the meeting, said sources.

The panel meeting on November 2 witnessed high-voltage drama after Moitra, along with five opposition MPs, boycotted the meeting alleging that she was asked "filthy and undignified" questions by panel chairman **Vinod Kumar Sonkar**. The members alleged that Sonkar asked questions regarding the MP's travels, hotel stay, and telephone calls. However, the chairman denied the charges saying that Moitra did not cooperate with questioning.

Later, in a letter to Speaker Birla, Moitra said that she was subjected to a "proverbial disrobing" in the meeting. The MP claimed that she experienced "unethical, sordid, demeaning and prejudiced behaviour" during the meeting.



Not in Moitra's favour

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In a post in X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday, Moitra said, "Shaking in my skin to know that BJP is planning criminal cases against me. Welcome them — only know that CBI and ED need to file FIR against Adani for ₹13,0000 crore coal scam before they question how many pairs of shoes I have."

Dubey has accused Moitra of asking questions in Lok Sabha to target the Adani Group at the behest of Hiranandani Group CEO Darshan Hiranandani. He said Hiranandani used her parliamentary login ID to file questions from different places, mostly Dubai. On October 19, Hiranandani submitted an affidavit to the Ethics Committee and claimed that Moitra provided him her login ID and password so that he could "post the questions" directly "on her behalf when required".

Moitra, in an interview, admitted that he used her login details but asserted that most MPs share their login IDs.

Extension of PMGKAY sign of economic distress: Cong

'For most Indians, incomes haven't gone up in proportion to price rise'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day after Prime Minister Modi announced the extension of the free food grain scheme—Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for five years, Congress hit out at the government saying that it is an indication of the continuing high level of economic distress and growing inequalities.

In a statement, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "The PM's latest announcement is an indication of the continuing high level of economic distress and growing inequalities. For the vast majority of Indians, incomes have not grown in line with the sky-high prices of essential commodities."

The PMGKAY scheme, which was to end on December 31, 2023, will now continue till December 2028.

The PM's announcement that the scheme that aids 80 crore poor, will be extended, came during an election campaign in Chhattisgarh's Durg on Saturday. "I have decided that the BJP government will extend the scheme of providing free rations to 80 crore poor people in the country for the next five years. Your love and blessings always give me the strength to make sacred decisions," said Modi.

Reminding the PM that the National Food Security Act (NFSA) was passed by Parliament in 2013 during the UPA government, Ramesh pointed out that the PMGKY is nothing but the NFSA that already covered 80 crore Indians.

"The Prime Minister has announced that the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) will be extended by another five years. It bears to recall that as Gujarat CM, he had consistently opposed the National Food Security Act passed by Parliament in September 2013," he wrote.

WHAT PM ANNOUNCED

The PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme was to end in December this year. However, during election rallies in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh on Saturday, PM Narendra Modi said that it was his resolve to extend it for five more years to ensure that no one in the country is hungry.

CONGRESS' RESPONSE

Congress communication head Jairam Ramesh said the "latest announcement is an indication of the continuing high level of economic distress and growing inequalities. For the vast majority of Indians, incomes have not grown in line with the sky-high prices of essential commodities."

Under the NFSA, all ration cardholders were entitled to five kg of food grain per person.

"This of course is not the only example of a U-turn done by him. On MGNREGA too, which proved to be a lifesaver during the pandemic, he was forced to shift his position," he pointed out.

Another opposition party, TMC, also wrote to the Election Commission, "The timing and stage of the announcement — at a BJP poll rally — clearly shows that it is an attempt by the party in power to influence the electorate ahead of the elections and to defeat the idea of a level playing field."

During Covid-19, the government introduced the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in April 2020 to provide an additional 5 kg of free foodgrains to every ration cardholder, in addition to the entitlement of 5 kg of subsidised foodgrains under the NFSA. However, in December 2022, the government decided to discontinue the PMGKAY, saying that the economic situation has improved since COVID-19 cases and restrictions have eased. In January 2023, to counterbalance the termination of PMGKAY, the government announced a free ration to 81.35 crore people under the National Food Security Act for one year.

After the termination of PMGKAY, Congress asked the PM to use the money it would save to strengthen food security for the poorest.

Experts were also critical that the government's decision to roll out free rations for a year from January 1, was a token gesture aimed at sweetening the pill. Many pointed out that until now, the NFSA cardholders were entitled to 5 kg of foodgrain per person per month at ₹2 per kg for wheat and ₹3 per kg for rice.

POWER GAMES

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Mahua Moitra Trial

MEMORY LOSS, DESI GHEE & THE ISSUE OF LOCUS

Supreme Court lawyer Jai Anant Dehadrai, who has accused Member of Parliament Mahua Moitra of misusing her parliamentary privilege by asking questions in parliament in exchange for gifts and cash, went through some intense grilling at the parliamentary ethics committee hearing. In the course of his cross-examination, Dehadrai reportedly claimed not to remember nearly a dozen points he had mentioned in his affidavit. When he continued to give "I do not remember" as the staple answer, an MP asked him if the affidavit was prepared by him or by someone else. The chairman of the committee intervened at this point and told Dehadrai, "aap zyada pareshan na hon... aapne purana desi ghee nahi khaya hai, is liye kam yaad hai... jo kuch aap ko pataa tha, bataa diya." (Don't fret so much. You haven't eaten desi ghee, that's why you remember so little. You've already shared with us what you know). Opposition members objected to the chairman's intervention in the complainant's defence. Dehadrai was then asked about his claim in his affidavit that he did not know Nishikant Dubey, the BJP MP who had referred his complaint to the Lok Sabha Speaker. He reaffirmed that he did not know Dubey. At this, a member informed the committee that he had seen the complainant talking to Dubey at several social gatherings, including at a party at Member of Parliament Jayadev Galla's 50, Ashoka Road residence as well as at the birthday party of the child of another MP, Ritesh Pandey. Dehadrai replied saying that he had accompanied Mahua Moitra to these parties and met a lot of people whom he did not know. On his friendship and fallout with Mahua, the complainant was asked if it is true that a police complaint was lodged against him for trespassing and theft. He answered in the affirmative. A member then raised a question about his locus standi saying the complainant has had a personal problem with Mahua and has made the allegations against her to settle scores. "Samasya gharelu hai, aur is pe committee baithi hai" (the issue before this committee is basically a domestic matter between the complainant and the defendant), said one member. Another MP asked him if he was behind leaking Mahua's party pictures on the social media. This member showed some of the pictures to the committee members. The chairman objected to the display of the pictures saying, "garima ke neeche baat nahi honi chahiye" (Please maintain dignity). The member responded by saying that he is on the point of locus standi of the complainant. The chairman told the member, who was grilling Dehadrai, that he appears to be biased against the complainant. He told Dehadrai, "You have frankly answered all the questions. If you have any additional information, it can be sent to the secretariat". The chairman also referred to Mahua's police complaint as a "fake" complaint. Some members raised strong objections to the chairman's remarks and the meeting ended with a member from South India accusing the chairman of trying to defend the accused and "making a mockery of the trial".

Rajasthan imbroglio

CONG LEADERSHIP GIVES IN TO GEHLOT'S DEMAND

The Congress high command had decided to send a stern message to party rebels across the country by denying nomination to Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot's closest ministers, Shanti Dhariwal and Mahesh Joshi. The two ministers had prevented central observers Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken from meeting the state MLAs last year when they were sent to Jaipur to explore the possibility of change of chief minister. Sources said Gehlot lobbied hard for their ticket but the party high command, especially Rahul Gandhi, was firm on denying them nomination for defying the high command. While Joshi's Hawa Mahal seat has been given to district party president RR Tiwari, the party gave in to Gehlot's demand and allotted the Kota North seat to Dhariwal. Sources said Mahesh Joshi is now in talks with the AAP and BSP to contest as their candidate. The possibility of his contesting as an independent is not ruled out. Sources said the chief minister is likely to lend his support to Joshi if he fights as an independent.

India, Nepal border forces to meet, focus on better coordination

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE heads of the border guarding forces of India and Nepal are scheduled to meet in New Delhi on Monday to discuss crucial issues related to the borders.

This will be the seventh annual coordination meeting between the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) director general Rashmi Shukla and Nepal's Armed Police Force (APF) inspector general Raju Aryal is scheduled from November 6 to 8.

Deputy commandant Vijender Kumar, public relations officer of SSB, said, "The talks at the level of two heads of the forces serve as a crucial platform for both the forces to engage in discussions on border-related matters. Led by their respective leaders, the SSB and APF delegations aim to strengthen the coordination between the two border guarding forces for more effective management of the open and unfenced Indo-Nepal border."

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The last coordination meeting was held at Kathmandu in September 2022. Since 2012, SSB and APF have been convening these coordination meetings annually, taking turns hosting them in both India and Nepal.

As per the Ministry of Home Affairs, India and Nepal share 1,751 km long border, which run along the Indian states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim. Both the countries have been cautious about misuse of the borders by inimical elements and have been holding meetings and exchanging relevant information.

NIA files chargesheet in ISIS & Hijb-ut-Tahrir cases

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday filed charge sheet against 17 persons associated with the Hijb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) and seven other persons who owned allegiance to ISIS in two separate cases.

Hijb-ut-Tahrir is a radical group that aims at creating a Sharia-based Islamic nation through means of violent acts while ISIS is a Sunni jihadist group with a violent ideology.

According to the agency, the investigations had revealed that the members of Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) were clandestinely recruiting and building their cadre in Madhya Pradesh.

"It has also been established that the accused were inspired by the HuT's radical ideology, which aimed at creating a Sharia-based Islamic nation in India through the means of violent acts," said an official.

Mohammad Alam, Misbah ul Hasan, Mehraj Ali, Khalid Hussain, Syed Sami Rizvi, Yasir Khan, Salman Ansari, Syed Danish Ali, Mohammad Shahrukh, Mohammad Wasim, Mohammad Kareem, Mohammad Abbas Ali, Mohammad Hameed, Mohammad Saleem, Abdur Rahman, Sheikh Junaid and Mohammad Salman have been charge-sheeted, the official added.

The Hijb-ut-Tahrir has been found running training camps and inducting like-minded people into its terror network, the agency said. They were working to threaten the unity, integrity, security and sovereignty of India with the explicit goal of striking terror among the people, it added.

Radical groups planning terror acts in the country

- Hijb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) aims at creating a Sharia-based Islamic nation
- The organisation was found running training camps and inducting like-minded people
- In ISIS case, the accused held organised terrorist training camps
- They were planning acts of terrorism on Indian soil

ISIS case

In a separate charge sheet, seven persons who owed allegiance to ISIS have been found involved in hatching a terror conspiracy to executive a series of attacks in different parts of the country, the NIA said.

The accused are identified as Mohammad Imran-Mohammad Yusuf Khan alias Matka alias Aamir Abdul Hameed Khan; Mohammad Yunus-Mohammad Yakub Saki alias Adil alias Adil Saleem Khan of Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh; Kadeer Dastagir Pathan alias Abdul Kadeer; Seemab Nasiruddin Kazi of Kondwa in Maharashtra's Pune; Zulfikar Ali Barodawala alias Lalabhai alias Saif; Shamil Saquib Nachan and Aakif Ateeque Nachan of Padgha in Maharashtra's Thane.

They have also been accused of being involved in a conspiracy to execute multiple terror attacks in different parts of the country.

The accused were involved in collecting and raising funds for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) to further its activities related to terror and violence, the spokesperson said.

The official said it was found that the accused organised terrorist training camps, harboured known and wanted terrorists, and committed acts preparatory to the fabrication of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). They had also devised meticulous plans for evading arrest following the potential blasts, NIA said.

Air quality in north and east of India to be in 'severe' category for 10 days

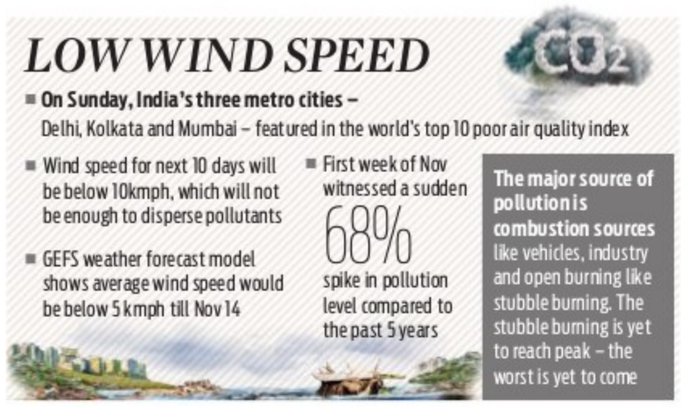
JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Air Quality Index is likely to be in the 'severe' category for over next 10 days in Northern and Eastern India, owing to low wind speed. The current average windspeed and that predicted for the next 10 days for the region is likely to be less than 10 kmph, which is unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants.

Moreover, the first week of November witnessed a sudden 68 per cent spike in pollution level compared to the past five years, owing to a cocktail of local open source combustions, adverse meteorological conditions, and onset of crop residue burning.

One of the densely populated regions of the planet, people of Indo-Gangetic plains are deprived of clean air — a fundamental to health. A recent survey showed that over 75 per cent of the households in Delhi-NCR are experiencing health complications like sore throat, cough and burning eyes due to poor air quality.

As per satellite imagery, thick smog has been enveloped over Indo-Gangetic plains covering Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam, owing to low wind speed. A Swiss technology company on Sunday listed India's three metro cities – Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai – in the top 10 poor air quality index of cities. On Sunday, the average AQI in Delhi is in severe category as fine particulate matter (PM) of 2.5 micrometres or PM 2.5 concentration in Delhi reached to 456 – almost around 20 times more than prescribed WHO standard on PM 2.5 and 10 times as per India's standard.


LOW WIND SPEED
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On Sunday, India's three metro cities –
Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai – featured in the world's top 10 poor air quality index
Wind speed for next 10 days will be below 10kmph, which will not be enough to disperse pollutants
GEFS weather forecast model shows average wind speed would be below 5 kmph till Nov 14
First week of Nov witnessed a sudden
68%
spike in pollution level compared to the past 5 years
The major source of pollution is combustion sources like vehicles, industry and open burning like stubble burning. The stubble burning is yet to reach peak – the worst is yet to come

BSF JAWAN KILLED

A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan deployed on election duty was killed after a grenade in his possession accidentally exploded in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district on Sunday, police said.

03 KILLED IN BALLIA AS TEMPO TURNS TURTLE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	21	Mumbai	35	27
Bhopal	33	16	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	33	20	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	30	14	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	30	26	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	33	23	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	02	Chandigarh	30	12

■ Congress promises come two days ahead of first phase of polling ■ Gehlot aid Shanti Dhariwal finds his name in the 7th list

Cong manifesto focuses on farmers, women in C'garh

The party's Ghoshna Patra has covered every section of the state: free education from KG to post-graduation, 200-unit free electricity, cooking gas subsidy and housing for poor families.

Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister

'Acceptance of defeat'

Most promises incorporated in the Congress manifesto were already declared by leaders. BJP said manifesto reflected the Congress' virtual acceptance of defeat.

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Congress in Chhattisgarh incorporated 17 major promises in its manifesto titled 'Bharose Ka Ghoshna Patra' that the party released on Sunday, two days before first phase of polling. Elections for the 90-member assembly are due in two phases on November 7 and 17.

Among the key promises of the party unveiled at six different locations of the state included pledges for paddy farmers, a loan waiver, free electricity up to 200 units, subsidised cooking gas cylinders, housing for the poor, and an upgrade of all government schools.

If Congress retains power in Chhattisgarh, the party will offer a minimum support price at ₹3,200 per quintal on paddy procurement with a procured limit fixed at 20 quintal per acre. The BJP in its 'sankalp patra' has promised an MSP of ₹3,100 per quintal with paddy procured limit per acre specified at 21 quintals. Paddy procurement is seen as a deciding factor in the assembly polls in a state called as the 'rice bowl' of central India. Among the 2.03 crore voters, the registered paddy growers are around 24.5 lakh in the state.

Most promises incorporated in the Congress manifesto were already declared by senior party leaders during their recent public rallies. Post-manifesto release, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said his party has always worked for the poor, labourers, farmers, backward classes, tribals, Dalits and other segments of the society.

The BJP said the manifesto reflected the Congress' virtual acceptance of defeat. "The promises Congress made ahead of 2018 polls couldn't be met. The new ones are a bundle of lies and suggest nothing good for the uplift of Chhattisgarh, women and the youth. People are not going to believe the Congress," said Arun Sao, BJP state chief.

The Congress manifesto was released simultaneously by AICC state in-charge Kumari Selja in Raipur, CM Bhupesh Baghel at Rajnandgaon, Congress state president Deepak Baij at Jagdalpur, deputy CM TS Singhdeo at Ambikapur, Speaker Charandas Mahant at Bilaspur and Mohammed Akbar at Kawardha.

Lists fail to perk up Cong, BJP camps in Rajasthan

Stamp of Congress leadership

In seven lists, Congress emphasis has been more on displaying the strength of the high command rather than focusing on victory or defeat.

DECIDE

Raje's aides dropped

In BJP lists, over 50 Vasundhara Raje loyalists have been given tickets, but in the fifth list, president Ashok Parnami was denied ticket.

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Congress on Sunday released its seventh list of 21 candidates for the November 25 Rajasthan assembly polls, fielding state minister Shanti Dhariwal from the Kota North seat.

So far, the lists of candidates issued by the BJP and Congress have left Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and former CM Vasundhara Raje disappointed. Gehlot's close loyalists, PHED minister Mahesh Joshi and Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Dharmendra Rathore have been dropped.

Both Joshi and Rathore are believed to be responsible for the defiance against the Congress leadership during the MLAs' revolt in the last September.

In the BJP lists, over 50 Vasundhara Raje loyalists have been given tickets but in the fifth list of 15 candidates, her loyalist and former party president Ashok Parnami has been denied the nomination from Adarsh Nagar seat in Jaipur. However, some of Raje's supporters such as Vijay Bansal from Bharatpur and Pralad Gunjal from Kota North, Rajkumar Rinwa from Sardarshahar and many others have received the party ticket.

In the previous list one of Raje's favourite former ministers, Yunus Khan, did not get the ticket and he has announced his intention to run as an independent candidate from Deedwana.

The last date for the nomination is Monday. Both parties seem to be trying to avoid protests and rebel candidates. Overall, Congress is offering opportunities to the supporters of both Gehlot and Sachin Pilot based on their influence, stature, and advocacy.

However, the chief minister has also managed to secure the tickets for more than half a dozen of his close associates such as Naeemuddin Guddu, Kishnaram Vishnoi, Meena Kanwar, Shehzad Khan, Mangalaram Godara, and Gopal Meena.

From Pilot's perspective, he has also received a fair representation in this list. His aides like Abhimanyu Punia, Prashant Sharma and Virendra Singh have got the party nomination.

GUWAHATI DIARY

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Cong chief announces poll win celebrations

Excited for December 3, the day when the votes of Assembly elections in the five states will be counted, Assam Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah said his party will celebrate the results in the heart of Guwahati. "The counting of votes will begin at 7 am and by 11:30 am, I will tell you how many seats we will win in Assam [in Lok Sabha polls," he said. Party MLA Diganta Kalita said Borah has started "another drama" while BJP legislator Manab Deka said, "If Kalita wants to predict, he should do it before the declaration of results." Ahead of Parliamentary elections, 13 opposition parties have come together to stop the BJP's juggernaut.

Bhutan King on maiden visit to Assam

Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk was on a maiden three-day visit to Assam—which shares a border with the Himalayan country. He landed at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati on November 3. He first paid a visit to the historic Kamakhya temple in the city, then visited the one-horned rhino fame Kaziranga National Park and took a jeep safari. "I am glad to learn that His Majesty the King of Bhutan enjoyed the rich biodiversity of Assam's Kaziranga National Park," CM Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote on X.

'Guwahati will become graveyard without Miyas'

All India United Democratic Front chief Maulana Badruddin Ajmal said Guwahati will become a "graveyard" if there are no "Miyas" (a pejorative term for Bengali Muslims) for three days. "Our boys and girls do all kinds of work in Guwahati. When they are away for three days during Eid, Guwahati becomes a kabristan (graveyard)," he said. While it was not clear why he made the statement, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma had earlier blamed the Miyas for the high prices of vegetables in Guwahati. He had also said that the BJP does not need the votes of Miyas. Reacting over it, Ajmal had said, "No Miya will vote for BJP for 100 years. We will prove it."

Muslim-Yadav count exaggerated in Bihar caste survey, says Shah

If the survey is wrong then conduct a caste census across the country. Who has stopped you? Why aren't you doing so?

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, deputy chief minister

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

TERMING the Bihar's caste survey "flawed", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday alleged that the Muslim and Yadav population was "deliberately shown inflated" in the survey by the state government over "pressure" from Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad's for "appeasement politics".

According to the survey report, Yadavs constitute 14.3 per cent of Bihar's population while and 17.7 per cent population is Muslims. The Bihar government will be tabling the survey report in the state Assembly in the winter session commencing on Monday.

Addressing an election meeting at Patahi Airport ground in Muzaffarpur, Shah dared Lalu to declare that he would make a leader from extremely backward classes chief minister of the state, if he was really a well-wisher of EBCs. According to the survey, EBCs account for 36.01 per cent of the state population.He contended that there were two types of full forms of 'JAM'. For BJP, 'JAM' stands for Jan Dhan account, Aadhaar, and Mobile but for the Bihar government, is – 'Jativad', 'Parivarvad', 'Apradh', and Minority appeasement', he alleged. He added that the grand alliance partners in Bihar claimed themselves to be well-wishers of backward classes but the decision to conduct the caste-based survey was taken "when BJP was a part of the Nitish-led NDA government".

Accused Congress of "boycotting" backward castes, he pointed out that 27 ministers in the Narendra Modi-led union government were from OBCs, accounting for over 35 per cent of cabinet strength.

Shah said that Modi government accorded constitutional status to the National Commission for Backward Classes. "Why did not Lalu do the same when UPA was in power for 19 years," he questioned. Calling CM Nitish Kumar 'Paltu Ram' (turncoat), he accused him of disobeying the people's mandate and claimed that BJP will bag all the 40 state seats in the 2024 general election.

NDA has given priority to N-E, PM tells Mizos

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday released a video message for the people of poll-bound Mizoram seeking their support and blessings to make their homeland "marvellous". Modi said that the BJP-led central government is committed to creating a marvellous Mizoram. Polling for the November 7 single phase Assembly elections ended on Sunday.

"Friends, the BJP is committed to creating a marvellous Mizoram. I am sure that we will get your support and blessings to make it happen," Modi said.

He was scheduled to campaign on October 30 but cancelled his visit. "We gave prime importance to fulfil your aspirations, dreams and necessities," Modi said.

Terming the people of Mizoram like his family members, he said it has always been a great pleasure for him to interact with the state's warm people. Modi said that since 2014, the NDA government worked to reduce all kinds of distances and accorded top priority to the Northeast to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of its people.

"Massive development and connectivity reduced the physical distance," he said.

DECIDE

Modi says Digvijaya, Nath trying to secure future of their sons in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

PM Narendra Modi during a public meeting in Khandwa of MP on Sunday | PTI

CLAIMING that the opposition Congress is indulged in "dynasty politics", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath and the party's Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh are working "to secure the political future of their sons."

"Congress isn't contesting the polls for the CM post. The two senior leaders of the party are fighting to secure the political future of their sons.....and are busy tearing each other's clothes. In reality, Congress isn't at all fighting polls in MP, as it knows that it's not going to come to power. The party is merely pretending to be fighting elections, possibly to gather donations in the name of contesting polls," Modi alleged while addressing the poll rally in Lakhnadaun assembly seat of Seoni district that was won by the Congress in 2013 and 2018 polls.

"There is nothing bigger than a particular family for the Congress....everything is named after that family only. The mention of that family only dominates Congress's poll manifesto in MP. But for the BJP, every poor, Dalit, backward and tribal is part of its family," he further alleged.

The BJP has been claiming differences between the two senior state Congress leaders, since October 16, when in a viral video, Nath was seen telling supporters of an ex-MLA to go and tear Singh and son Jaivardhan's clothes over denial of ticket from Shivpuri seat.

While Digvijaya Singh's son Jaivardhan Singh is the second-time sitting MLA from the Singh family's pocket-borough Raghogarh seat in Guna district, Nath's elder son Nakul Nath is the first-time MP from the Nath family's bastion Chhindwara.

Raising the role of Adivasis (tribals) in the life of Lord Ram, the PM said it was the tribals, who turned Rajkumar Ram (Ayodhya's prince Ram) into Parmatma Ram (supreme soul Ram).

Without naming the former Congress national president Rahul Gandhi, Modi alleged, "nowadays a Congress leader is travelling among tribals and misleading them with a factory of lies." Modi said, "It was the BJP government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which created a separate ministry for tribals matters and also provided a dedicated annual budget for tribal welfare."

Modi said that his government is going to start ₹15,000 crore program on mission mode for the development of the three particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) – Baiga, Bharia and Saharia.

Modi said his government had raised MSP of various crops and started the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, currently benefiting 2.5 lakh farmers of MP.

IIT-K develops 'Dheki' to retain value of indigenous rice

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IIT Kharagpur has developed a mechanised 'Dheki'—an agricultural tool used for threshing—to separate rice grains from their outer husks, leaving the bran layer (outer brown layer) to maintain the nutritional value of the indigenous variety of rice–Bali Bhojuna.

"Farmers had discontinued the cultivation of Bali-Bhojuna rice even though it as high nutritional value as due to climate change, the seasonal rain gets delayed by at least 15-20 days, giving a low yield," Palash Bhushan Chatterjee, the associate director of Centre for World Solidarity, working with IIT-K for the project, said. "To make it economically viable, we signed an MoU with IIT-K for mechanising the 'Dheki' production by fitting a 2HP motor with it which increased the productivity with minimum wastage retaining the natural content of the rice," said Chatterjee.

U'khand lost 19 tigers in 10 months: Officials

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

Jim Corbett National Park a home to tigers

According to forest department officials, "Most tigers in Uttarakhand are found in Jim Corbett National Park. According to an estimate, their number is close to two and a half hundred". Some of the key forest divisions adjoining Corbett such as Terai East, Terai West, Terai Central, Ramnagar, Haldwani and Lansdowne have a healthy number of tigers. Corbett, as per forest officials, acts as a source population and the divisions adjoining provide space for the sink population.

THE increasing deaths of tigers in Uttarakhand have once again raised concerns among the officials of the forest department. Uttarakhand, which ranks third in the country in terms of tiger population, has lost 19 tigers in the first ten months of this year, significantly higher than the 57 deaths recorded in last five years.

Speaking to this newspaper, Sameer Sinha, chief wildlife warden of the Uttarakhand forest department, said, "The state-wise tiger population data released in July this year shows an increase of 715 tigers in 2022 as compared to 2018 across India".

He added, "Based on the 2022 data, the total number of tigers is 3,682, which was 2,967 in 2018. Madhya Pradesh had the highest number of tigers at 785, followed by Karnataka at 563 and Uttarakhand at 560."

Sinha said, "All tiger deaths happened due to a conflict between tigers, in which no incident of poaching has been reported. As the tiger population has increased, the conflict between them also increased.

The number of tiger deaths in Uttarakhand is increasing every year. This figure of tiger deaths is enough to expose the government's tall claims about the protection of wildlife. More than 170 tigers have died in the state from 2001 to 2023. In 2023, 19 tigers have died so far.

According to forest department officials, "Most tigers in Uttarakhand are found in Jim Corbett National Park. According to an estimate, their number is close to two and a half hundred".

At the same time, the presence of tigers has also been found in other districts of the state. Uttarakhand is the first state in the country where tigers are present in every district, but the ever-increasing number of their deaths has also become a cause of trouble for the Uttarakhand Forest Department.

Incidentally, a tiger was pinned down by an earth mover in March during a botched rescue attempt outside the reserve at Bel Padav range in Terai West. The big cat later died in captivity. A postmortem found the tiger died of septicaemia and asphyxiation. It had triggered a blame game among forest officials over the use of bulldozer. Some of the key forest divisions adjoining Corbett such as Terai East, Terai West, Terai Central, Ramnagar, Haldwani and Landowne have a healthy number of tigers. Corbett, as per forest officials, acts as a source population and the divisions adjoining provide space for the sink population.

EQUAL LEAVE PROVISION FOR WOMEN SOLDIERS AT PAR WITH OFFICERS

This measure is going to improve the work conditions of women in the military and aid them to balance spheres of professional and family life in a better manner

Defence ministry

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

UNION defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday approved a proposal for extension of the rules for maternity, child care and child adoption leaves for women soldiers, sailors and air warriors in the armed forces on par with their officer counterparts. With the issuing of the rules, the grant of such leaves to all women in the military, whether one is an officer or any other rank, will be equally applicable.

"The extension of leave rules will go a long way in dealing with women-specific family and social issues relevant to the Armed Forces. This measure is going to improve the work conditions of women in the military and aid them to balance the spheres of professional and family life in a better manner," a defece ministry statement read. At present, the women officers get maternity leave of 180 days with full pay for each child, subject to a maximum of two children. Childcare leave of 360 days is granted in total service career to women officers, according to officials.

The latest decision is in line with the policy to have inclusive participation of all women in the armed forces, irrespective of their ranks. "With the recruitment of women Agniveers, the Armed Forces will be empowered with the bravery, dedication and patriotism of women soldiers, sailors and air warriors to defend the land, sea and air frontiers of the country." MoD said. As reported by this newspaper, a move is afoot to expand the role of women in the Indian Army. Work is in process to get women inducted as soldiers soon. "A proposal is in advanced stages to get women inducted as the jawans into the Army," said a source.

17 KILLED
in Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan after suffering from the deadly Congo virus fever

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

Israelis call for Bibi's resignation over failure to stop Hamas attacks

With the shock of October 7 attacks fading, calls to bring back hostages grow louder

People take part in a rally in Tel Aviv calling for the release of hostages | AFP

TEL AVIV

THOUSANDS demonstrated in Israel on Saturday night, as pressure mounts on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over his government's lack of preparedness for the October 7 attacks and its handling of the ensuing hostage crisis.

In Israel's commercial hub Tel Aviv, several thousand protesters took to the streets on Saturday evening, including relatives and friends of some of the hostages, chanting: "Bring them home now".

"I expect and demand from my government, think out of the box," said Hadas Kalderon, who said five members of her family were among the kidnapped. "I find myself in hell," she said. "Every day I wake up to another day of war. A war for the life of my children."

International pressure is growing on Israel to agree to humanitarian pauses in the Gaza fighting, but hostages' loved-ones said they should be released as a precondition.

"First release them all and then do everything else to deal with the situation," said 26-year-old Or Levi. "It's bizarre that the families do the job for the government".

In Jerusalem, hundreds came together outside Netanyahu's residence with more explicit calls for his resignation.

"We'd like a vote to be held to get rid of Netanyahu. I hope that the demonstrations will continue and grow," 39-year-old Netta Tzin told AFP. "They betrayed us. The only thing that is functioning right now is the people."

Minister's 'nuclear option'

Meanwhile, an Israeli minister from the far-right Otzma Yehudit party on Sunday said that dropping an atomic bomb on the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip was "an option", prompting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to suspend him from government meetings. In a radio interview, Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu said that "there are no non-combatants in Gaza" and providing humanitarian aid to the Strip would constitute "a failure". When asked if there are no non-combatants in Gaza in his view then if a nuclear attack on the Gaza Strip is "an option", Eliyahu responded, "That's one way."

Agencies

At least 40 killed as Gaza refugee camp struck

DEIR AL-BALAH

ISRAELI warplanes struck a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip early Sunday, killing at least 40 people and wounding dozens, health officials in Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip said.

The strike came as Israel said it would press on with its offensive to crush the territory's Hamas rulers, despite US appeals for a pause to get aid to desperate civilians.

Israel has rejected the idea of halting its offensive, even for brief humanitarian pauses proposed by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken during his current tour of the region. Gaza's Hamas-controlled health ministry said more than 9,700 Palestinians have been killed in the territory in nearly a month of war, and that number is likely to rise as Israeli troops advance into dense, urban neighbourhoods.

Airstrikes hit the Maghazi refugee camp in central Gaza overnight, killing at least 40 people and wounding 34 others, the Health Ministry said.

It said first responders and residents were still digging through the rubble, hoping to find survivors.

An Associated Press reporter at a nearby hospital saw eight dead children, including a baby, who had been brought in after the strike.

A surviving child was led down the hospital corridor by an adult holding her hand, her clothes caked in dust, an expression of shock on her face.

Arafat Abu Mashaia, who lives in the refugee camp, said the Israeli airstrike flattened several multi-story homes where people forced out of other parts of Gaza were sheltering.

Agencies

Palestinians look for survivors in the Maghazi refugee camp in the Gaza Strip after an air strike | AP

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

PM TO HAND OVER POWER TO DEPUTY

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Sunday he planned to bow out and hand over power to his deputy, Lawrence Wong, late next year, before the 2025 general election. Lee, 71, initially intended to retire before turning 70, but it was shelved because of the Covid-19 pandemic. He has served as head of the long-ruling People's Action Party, or PAP, and as prime minister since 2004. Last year, he named Wong, who is also finance minister, as his designated successor. "I have full confidence in Lawrence and his team and there's no reason to delay their political transition," Lee said.

INDONESIA

SOLIDARITY EVENT FOR GAZANS HELD

Thousands of Indoensians gathered at the site of the National Monument in Jakarta on Sunday to express solidarity with the Palestinians amid the ongoing war. Several ministers including religious affairs minister Yaqut Cholil Qoumas, foreign minister Retno Marsudi took part in the protests, *The Straits Times* reported

THAILAND

ALL ABOARD 'FLOATING TRAIN'

Railway adventures are gaining popularity in the kingdom with tourists seeking off-the-beaten-track travel experiences away from the hordes visiting temples and beaches. Saturday was the State Railway of Thailand's first Bangkok to Pasak Jolasid Dam service "Rot Fai Loi Nam" marking the end of the rainy season. Hundreds of bleary-eyed passengers boarded the train before sunrise. For most of the year, cattle graze underneath the bridge "but from October to Jan, the water is high on both sides giving the impression that the train is floating on water," said a UK expat

Nepal scrambles to rush aid to quake survivors

KATHMANDU

NEPAL'S authorities on Sunday scrambled to rush aid to those affected by Friday's earthquake that killed 157 people and left a trail of destruction in the Himalayan nation's remote mountainous region.

The earthquake with an epicentre in Jajarkot district, about 500 km west of Kathmandu, was recorded just before midnight on Friday. As the earthquake destroyed hundreds of houses in the mountainous region, several people had to spend Saturday night under the open sky.

Out of a total of 157 people who died in the tragedy, the bodies of 120 have so far been handed over to the family members. About 253 people were injured in the quake, the most

A woman walks past houses damaged by earthquake in Nepal's Jajarkot district | PTI

devastating in the country since 2015. The relatives of victims were now preparing for their cremations.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Sunday held a Cabinet meeting, during which he decided to provide Rs 2 lakh cash each to the family of those killed in the Jajarkot earthquake as immediate relief, according to officials.

The government also decided to provide free medical treatment to those injured in the earthquake. During the meeting, it was also decided to prepare an integrated action plan to construct earthquake-resistant housing within one year for the rehabilitation of those affected.

It was decided that Surkhet municipality in the Karnali province would be the main liaison office and Nepalgunj the auxiliary liaison office to make the search, rescue and relief distribution works effective, said Government spokesperson and Minister for Communications and Information Technology Rekha Sharma. Makeshift huts will be provided to the affected people at the earliest, Sharma added.

PTI

Flights halted at Hamburg airport as armed man takes own child hostage

HAMBURG

An armed father who took his four-year-old daughter hostage, forcing the suspension of flights at Hamburg airport, gave himself up "without resistance" on Sunday after hours of negotiations, German police said.

The 35-year-old man had barricaded himself and the child in his car at the foot of a Turkish Airlines plane on Saturday evening, demanding to be allowed on board after a custody dispute with the mother.

He had rammed his car through the security area onto the apron where planes are parked, firing two shots in the air and throwing two burning bottles out of the vehicle, the police said.

"The hostage-taking has ended," local police posted on X, formerly Twitter, Sunday afternoon. "The man has left his car with his daughter and been taken for questioning by security forces without resistance," it said, adding the child "seems in good health".

Police guard the scene of a security breach at the Hamburg airport | AP

Police had brought psychologists and teams of negotiators as well as rapid response units to the airport in northern Germany. Authorities said a dispute over custody of the child was believed to be behind the incident, with the wife of the driver placing an emergency call alerting police to the abduction of her child.

Police had described lengthy negotiations which had taken place in Turkish and announced the father was believed to be "in possession of a loaded weapon and perhaps explosives".

The man, a Turk according to the daily Bild newspaper, had at first demanded to be allowed to fly to Turkey with his daughter. "That's no longer the aim of negotiations," a local police spokesperson had said.

"We believe that the child is physically well," police spokeswoman Sandra Levgruen told regional television channel NDR Fernsehen.

"That's what we can see and what we gather from telephone conversations with the man responsible for what has happened. We can hear the child in the background."

AFP

TURKIYE

Main opposition party ousts leader after defeat

ANKARA

TURKIYE'S main opposition party on Sunday dumped its embattled leader in favour of an untested former pharmacist following a disappointing election defeat to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The staunchly secular Republican People's Party (CHP) has been riven by divisions since Kemal Kilicdaroglu lost a bitterly fought May runoff against Turkiye's dominant but divisive president.

At the party's annual congress, delegates voted to replace Kilicdaroglu with the relatively unknown Ozgur Ozel after squandering what many viewed as the opposition's best chance to end two decades of Erdogan's Islamic conservative rule.

The May election came in the throes of a dire cost-of-living crisis that analysts blame squarely on Erdogan's unorthodox economic beliefs.

Kilicdaroglu managed to pull together a multi-faceted alliance that included both right-wing nationalists and left-wing socialists and Kurds.

But the six-party bloc nearly fractured months before the election and then underperformed in the polls.

Erdogan managed to cement his control of parliament through support from Islamic and ultranationalist groups.

Kilicdaroglu then riled many within his own party by refusing to concede defeat and step down. The 74-year-old lost his leadership post after two rounds of heated party congress voting to a candidate backed by Istanbul mayor Ekrem Imamoglu. Ozel had spent a large part of his career working as a private pharmacist in the socially liberal Aegean resort city of Izmir.

AFP

EXPRESS READ

Aid groups say Afghans fleeing Pak lack food

Islamabad: Afghans fleeing Pakistan to avoid arrest and deportation are sleeping in the open, without proper shelter, food, drinking water and toilets once they cross the border to their homeland, aid agencies said Sunday. Hundreds of thousands of Afghans have left Pakistan in as authorities pursue foreigners who are in the country "illegally"

Russia says it test-fired ICBM from new N-sub

Moscow: The Russian military on Sunday reported a successful test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile designed to carry nuclear warheads from a new nuclear submarine. The Imperator Alexander III is one of the new Borei-class nuclear submarines that carry 16 Bulava missiles each and are intended to serve as the core naval component of the nation's nuclear forces in coming decades

8,000 arrested amid protests in Bangladesh

DHAKA

BANGLADESH police have arrested nearly 8,000 opposition figures in a nationwide crackdown since officers broke up a major rally in the capital a week ago, a report said.

The sweeping wave of detentions comes ahead of a general election due in January.

The country's major opposition, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), and its allies have been staging giant rallies in recent months demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina step down and allow a neutral government to supervise the vote.

Hasina has overseen impressive growth in her 15 years of power, but she has been accused of ruling the South Asian nation with an iron fist.

The United States has imposed sanctions on some of its most senior police figures for widespread human rights violations. More than 1,00,000 opposition supporters joined a "grand rally" in central Dhaka last Saturday, when a policeman was killed in clashes.

Since then police have launched a widespread crackdown on the BNP, arresting thousands of activists and accusing at least 162 of its top leaders of murdering the officer. The country's best-read and most respected newspaper Prothom Alo reported Sunday that at least 7,835 people had been held, based on reports from its correspondents across the country.

National police spokesman Abir Siddique Shuvra, could not give AFP an exact number of detentions, but said those arrested faced criminal cases and warrants.

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This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.MANJUNATHA.G.** Son of Late Gangarasappa has lost the original of Gift deed dated 05.05.2022 executed by Smt. S. Siddalingamma in favour of Sri. Manjunatha .G, which is registered as document No.680/2022-23 of Book-I and stored in CD No.PNYD1537 in the office of Sub-Registrar,Peenya Bengaluru pertaining to the immovable property bearing Site No.24, formed in property Sy.No.53/2 situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, about some months back in transit

In case the same is traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
M/S BHAT ASSOCIATES,
1st Main, 5th Cross, Yeshwanthpur,
BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob : 9916994581
BENGALURU, DATE: 04.11.2023

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001

OA.No.888/2022

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK,
Bidadi Branch
...APPLICANT
AND
Smt. MAYAMMA & OTHERS
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To,
D5. Smt. PREMA
D/o Late Maranna,
R/o Banandur illage,
Bidadi Hobli,
Ramanagara Taluk
Ramanagara District - 562159.

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application Under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs. 51,21,706/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Six only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above mentioned Defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of her defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on. 24/11/2023 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in default of, your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **30-06-2023.**

Sd/- Registrar,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Bangalore

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The General Public are hereby noticed that my clients **1). Smt.Bhagyalakshmi W/o Late.T.H.Aradhya, 2). Smt.Divyashree B H D/o. Late.T.H.Aradhya, 3). Chinmaya B H S/o. Late.T.H.Aradhya,** And **4).Kumari.Chaithrashree B H D/o. Late.T.H.Aradhya,** All are residing at No.117, 3rd Main Road, Syndicate Bank Colony, Herohalli, Bengaluru-560 091. state and declare that they are the absolute owner in peacefull possession of the agricultural Land bearing Sy No.63/3 of Malluru Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring 0-20 Gunts dry land which self-acquired property of the T.H..Aradhya, who was Husband of the Smt.Bhagyalakhsmi, Father of the Smt.Divyashree, Sri Chinmaya.B.H, Kumari.Chaitrashree.B.H, having acquired same from Sri.B.Rangaswamaiah S/o Late.Bettaiah, through absolute sale deed, registered No.MGD-1-04991-2011-12, of Book No.1, stored in C.D.No.MGDD130, Dt: 13-02-2012, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Magadi.

Whereas, at time of executing above said absolute sale deed in favour of Late.T.H.Aradhya, 4th page its Bounded as wrongly mentioned as East by: Siddappa's Land, West by : Road, North by : Today Land sold to T.H.Aradhya, South by: Land belongs to Hanumanthaiah, **"instead of East by: Previously Land belongs to Smt.Rekha Jain, Now Land bearing Sy No.63/4 belongs to Smt. Bhagyalakshmi W/o Late.T.H.Aradhya, West by: Road, and the Land bearing Sy. No. 64 belongs Bhagyamma W/o Late.Chandrappa @ Chandrashekharaiah, Smt.Gowramma W/o Late.Malleshaiah, North by : Pemmnahalli Gadi, South by Land bearing Sy No.63/2 belongs to Smt.Anitha W/o Sri.Krishnappa,",** which is actual and correct boundary of the Schedule Property, to rectify the same by the previous owner Sri.B.Rangaswamaiah S/o Late.Bettaiah notice was sent to the Previous Owner Sri.B.Rangaswamaiah, but in return its was came as with shara **"Addresee absent "**

Whereas, my clients state that they tried to contact previous owner his legal heirs by personally and through notice, As such my clients issue this General notice calling upon you or your legal heirs to come and execute the rectification deed in favour of my clients within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which my client will take necessary action as provided under Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Agriculture Land bearing Sy No.63/3 (Sixtythree Sub Three) of Malluru Village**, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring **0-20 (Twenty)** Guntas Dry Land bounded on:

East by : Previously Land belongs to Smt.Rekha Jain, Now Land bearing Sy No.63/4 belongs to Smt. Bhagyalakshmi W/o Late.T.H.Aradhya,
West by : Road, and the Land bearing Sy No.64 belongs Bhagyamma W/o Late.Chandrappa @ Chandrashekharaiah, Smt.Gowramma W/o Late.Malleshaiah,
North by : Pemmnahalli Gadi,
South by : Land bearing Sy No.63/2 belongs to Smt.Anitha W/o Sri.Krishnappa,

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PERSONAL FINANCE

₹3,400 cr have been pulled out by foreign portfolio investors from Indian equity markets in first three days of Nov.

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95% of customers use digital banking: Bandhan Bank CEO

The Kolkata-based private sector lender is focusing on diversification of asset portfolio, and aims to increase the share of housing loans to 30% by FY26

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

PRIVATE sector lender Bandhan Bank, which recently completed the migration of its core banking system and internet banking to a new platform, sees increasing preference for digital banking among its customers.

"About 95% of our customers use digital banking. In urban areas, every corner there is a bank branch, but accessibility to bank branches is far in rural areas. Mobile banking plays a significant role here as they can make use of all features of the bank through their mobile phones. We also offer paperless loans to micro credit customers where there is no requirement of signature," Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Managing Director and CEO of Bandhan Bank said.

The bank's digital transaction volume increased 47% year-on-year in the second quarter of the current financial year, and UPI transactions through the bank increased 63% y-o-y.

In an interaction with TNIE, Ghosh, who was in Bengaluru to attend an international symposium, organised by IIM Bangalore, said with the new system, the bank will be going solo in credit cards from March next year.

The Kolkata-based bank is also focusing on diversification of asset portfolio. Ghosh said by the end of FY26, the bank wants to increase the share of housing loans from the present 25% to 30% of the total loan book and in the case of group loans, from the present 33% to 26%.

The bank posted a whopping 245% jump in its net profit to ₹ 721 crore in the second quarter for this fiscal and its NIM (net interest margin) stood at 7.2% in Q2 (Compared to 3.43% of SBI and 4.53% of ICICI Bank).

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> Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank

Focus on unbanked and underbanked

Of its total branches, 71% are in rural and semi-urban areas. Ghosh says semi-urban and rural areas also require the same financial services that are present in metro and urban areas. The bank's focus remains on the unbanked and underbanked population and it sees as well as clocks more growth in these areas.

When Prembati from Mathura, UP, borrowed ₹10,000 from the bank a few years ago, little did she know that one day she would become a successful entrepreneur, earning a profit of ₹65,000 -₹70,000, which is almost 10 times of what she was earning before.

In her late 40s, Prembati is into manufacturing of clay products and employs about 20 people. Now, she has increased the loan amount to ₹1,80,000.

The bank, which has many such stories to share, provides microfinance loans anywhere between ₹10,000 and ₹1.5 lakh to women borrowers without any guarantee or collateral. This is mainly given to women to start as well as scale up their business. So far, 2 crore women have been benefited. Almost two-third of the bank's customers are women and Ghosh says women are the CFO of the family and stresses on the need to increase women's financial empowerment.

H2 Fy24 growth will be higher

Talking about important indicators for growth including controlled inflation rate, Ghosh sees growth in the second half of this fiscal as the first half is seasonally weak.

GDP growth will also increase and this will in turn increase employment generation. Though there is little bit of volatility if oil prices increase, otherwise all parameters are good for the BFSI sector, he says. The bank has added nearly 10 lakh customers in the second quarter and it has over 3.17 crore customers.

It employs over 74,300 people. Recently, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said attrition is seen to be high at some private sector banks and that the central bank is watching the issue closely.

Ghosh said business is growing and that people are moving from one bank to the other and that has been happening in the banking industry.

After the pandemic, a couple of new NBFCs have come and also UPI transactions have grown drastically with dominant players such as Google Pay and PhonePe.

Ghosh says they are recruiting people from banks, and this will not continue and it is just a one-off thing. According to him, there is enough talent in the banking industry.

MONEY MATTERS

WHETHER 70 HOURS OR NOT, SWEAT IT OUT

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

EVERYONE has an opinion about a view Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy expressed about working hours. He said that young people should work 70 hours a week. His comments have created quite a stir on social media and the press. There are extreme views for and against the argument. We will not dwell on the merits of that debate.

Regarding personal finances, your ability to earn more can affect your long-term wealth. A lot of youngsters are planning to retire early. It means saving enough to start your passion projects. To achieve that dream, you need to put a lot of effort into your work years. It involves working probably the time Mr Murthy refers to in the debate.

From a personal finance standpoint, you need to work smart. It does not matter the number of hours you put in at work. You must stay productive. If you have clearly defined goals, it is easier to determine the pace of your work. You will also know the years you need to stay active in a profession that earns you the desired income. In that context, you could work 70 hours a week.

Besides earning a living that ensures you have enough savings to invest, you need to make your investments sweat it out for you. Your money needs the necessary direction that helps you beat inflation consistently and earn that wealth needed to retire early from a run-on—the-mill job.

The idea to retire early does not mean you stop working. It is clear to seize control over your time and follow your passions, too. You will do more work, and productivity will be critical to your effort.

Investing regularly towards defined goals helps you to meet your dreams. It is similar to cricket. When teams chase a stiff target, they have a goal in front of them.

Batters plan their innings based on the conditions and ensure that they break down the stiff target with controlled aggression. Your investments need to follow a similar plan. Your money can do the job if you give it sufficient time.

Most of you tend to pull money out quickly from mutual funds or other equity assets at the first sign of a fall. Equity markets need you to be patient enough to ride through multiple market cycles. If you look at the performance of benchmark indices like the S&P BSE Sensex or NSE Nifty, they have moved in cycles over the past 20 years. While the overall directional trajectory has been upwards historically, very few investors stay put.

Yours truly rues that he chose the comfort of a Maruti Suzuki car instead of the stock years ago. While the car is a depreciating asset, a stock is an appreciating one. There are times you must debate issues like thriftiness and physical effort. You need to ask yourself if you need that second car or can do it with one. To err on the side of more investments could require you to trick your mind. You must remind yourself constantly about your clearly defined goal of retiring early.

While you work hard in your jobs, you must also let your money do the job. Investing requires you to know quite a few things. These include understanding the big picture in an economy and the fundamentals of a business or a sector. If you wish to create something from your work life, you must include the time you spend learning new skills unrelated to your job at work. Knowledge about personal finance and factors affecting your investments is indeed that skill.

As long as you follow your dreams by converting them into clearly defined financial goals, you will know where you stand. It will also tell you the effort you need to take to achieve those goals. A professional expert can help you in putting it together. You must take help and chart a path to follow. The number of hours you work depends on this action plan.

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MONEY-WISE

HOW DO INFLUENCERS REALLY INFLUENCE YOU?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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DO Finfluencers (financial influencers) really influence you? How do they do it? Here are the few things they do – so be careful.

- **Authority:** We tend to trust when an expert says, Trust Me, I am an Expert. We will happily buy toothpaste recommended by a person wearing a white apron believing he/she is a dentist, but is actually just an actor. Similarly in the financial services space, 'experts' who appear on television or those who write articles are just glorified salesmen. However, when they say "I am a Vice-President in Xyz insurance company" we believe he/she is here to help us.
- **Wife or other relative of your boss:** If you are a constable in the police force can you refuse to buy from the Commissioner's wife or son? Such powerful people.
- **Commitment and nodding**: Imagine being asked a set of questions which lead to 'so should you buy an Endowment plan' – if you have said yes to 4 questions before that, the next answer is a Yes. Many YouTubers ask you "Are you bored with this job", "Do you wish to be on your own" Did you know ..."You can do all this by becoming an Agent selling....". Be careful, if you are nodding with an 'expert', he is about to pitch a toxic, expensive product. This could be for you to buy or to become an agent to become a re-seller.
- **Social Proof:** I have seen people selling to defence personnel. They go to a Cantonment area and sell to the highest serving officer. Then they use his name to sell to others. Ditto for influencers – they interview a big and famous person and then keep dropping names.
- **Getting fake testimonials** and increasing their subscriber base – a simple SEO trick done by many Social Media finfluencers.
- Many times we don't understand the difference between a paid advertisement and an indirectly paid advertisement masquerading as a 'discussion'. The influencer is actually peddling his influence.
- **Reciprocity:** When I do something good for you, you wish to do something good for me. So when you walk into a shop (aka Bank) they give you something to eat. Or even worse, they ask you to come to a 5-star hotel (with family) and pitch an AIF or a PMS.
- **Being nice** – one of the easiest ways to trap a senior citizen. If he/she has children who don't spend enough time with them, just be good. Soon they can pitch a toxic, expensive 'wealth' product aka ULIP for their grandkids.
- **Creating a scarcity mindset** – saying "this policy will close on 31st December" or saying "from 1st April, the law is changing..."This pushes people to close early. These are common characteristics of salesmen (called Relationship Manager these days), and financial Influencers. Make sure that you know what thisperson is doing to you and your finances.

Protean eGov, ASK Auto IPOs hit market this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

Two more companies will be in the primary market this week to raise equity capital of around ₹1,300 crore through their initial public offers (IPOs).

While subscription for Thrissur, Kerala-based ESAF Small Finance Bank has already started last Friday, subscription for two more companies -- Protean eGov Technologies and ASK Automotive – will begin this week. The two are looking to raise a total of over ₹1,300 crore from the primary market.

ESAF Small Finance Bank is looking to raise ₹463 crore to primarily augment its Tier-1 capital base to meet future capital requirements.

The IPO has been priced at ₹57-60. On the first day of the subscription on 3 November, the issue was subscribed 1.74 times with retail portion subscribed double the number of shares on offer.

Protean eGov Technologies is looking to raise over ₹490 crore at a price band of ₹752-792 a piece. ASK Automotive is planning to raise over 830 crore.

Last week two IPOs Cello World and Honasa Consumer opened to raise ₹3,500 crore.

India's IPO market is booming with 39 IPOs hitting the primary market so far in 2023 and raising ₹35,132 crore.

In November as many as 14 IPOs are likely to hit the primary market.

State-owned IOC buys MPL for ₹148 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has acquired Mercator Petroleum for about ₹148 crore in an insolvency proceeding, according to regulatory filings by the company.

"The resolution plan submitted by IOC for acquisition of 100 per cent stake in Mercator Petroleum Limited (MPL) has been approved by the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench vide its order dated November 2, 2023 under the relevant provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016," the firm said in the filing.

MPL is having oil and gas exploration block located in Cambay Basin, Gujarat.

IndianOil will implement the Resolution Plan and complete the regulatory processes, including obtaining necessary approvals, if any, for successful implementation of Resolution Plan, the company added in the filing.

Double-digit retail loan growth for SBI, BoB in Q2

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

Amidst growing concern over very high growth in retail loans, the country's largest bank – State Bank of India – saw its retail loan portfolio grow by 15.7% year-on-year in the second quarter, which is very much in line with most other banks (private as well as public).

SBI, which announced its second quarter financial results on Saturday, saw its home loan portfolio grow by 13.12%, auto loan portfolio by 20.24% and personal loan (Xpress Credit) portfolio by 17.83%. Its gold loan portfolio also registered a double-digit growth of 14.39%. Compared to this, the government-owned bank's domestic corporate loan portfolio has increased by a moderate 6.62%.

As per latest available data SBI's market share in home loans is 27.4% and in auto loans is 19.3%. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, of late, expressed its concern over the very high rate of growth in retail loan portfolio of banks, especially those of unsecured loans like personal loan and credit card loans.

Noting that certain components of personal loans are recording very high growth, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das in the monetary policy statement earlier this month said that RBI is closely watching these loans for any signs of incipient stress. Though SBI's retail loan portfolio has less than 1% gross NPAs. GNPA in the home loan segment at the end of September quarter was 0.74%, followed by 0.69% in personal loan and 0.44% auto loan. Bank of Baroda, another public sector bank, which announced its second quarter results on Saturday, also witnessed similar growth in its retail loan portfolio. Its overall retail loan portfolio grew at 22.2% even as the domestic corporate loan portfolio grew at 16.5%.

BoB's home loan portfolio grew at 16.1%, auto loan portfolio at 21% and education loans at 18.3%. However, personal loans grew at a very high pace of 67% during the quarter. The bank also saw its retail gold loan portfolio surge by 65%. BoB's Gross NPA ratio for Housing loans is 1.12%, 1.41% for auto loans, 1.30% for personal loans and 0.98% for retail gold loans as of September 2023. Bank of India, which also announced its Q2 results on the same day as SBI and BoB, also witnessed double-digit growth in retail loans with 14.65% growth in the September quarter.

The bank's unsecured personal loan portfolio grew at 33% y-o-y during the quarter, followed by 17% growth in vehicle loans, 13.5% in education loans and 11.62% in home loans. Meanwhile, the TransUnion CIBIL Credit Market Indicator (CMI) report indicates financial stability with healthy retail credit growth and broadly stable delinquency levels, even though a few pockets show signs of risk build-up.

The credit bureau report shows that during the June 2023 quarter, overall balance-level serious delinquencies (measured as 90 days or more past due) improved across product categories, except for credit cards and personal loans. This improvement suggests that consumers appear to be managing their credit repayments responsibly.

WHERE THEY STAND...

Team	MP	Won	Pts	NRR
India	8	8	16	2.456
South Africa	8	6	12	1.376
Australia	7	5	10	0.92
New Zealand	8	4	8	0.39
Pakistan	8	4	8	0.04
Afghanistan	7	4	8	-0.33
Sri Lanka	7	2	4	-1.162
Netherlands	7	2	4	-1.398
Bangladesh	7	1	2	-1.446
England	7	1	2	-1.5

We were a little bit concerned. That's why we cancelled one practice session. So, we are trying to minimise our exposure to the outdoors because we need to practice and we have to be careful of the long-term effect of this condition.

— Chandika Hathurusingha, Bangladesh coach on pollution in New Delhi ahead of Sri Lanka game

TON OF HAPPINESS

Kohli smashes 49th ODI century, equals Tendulkar's record on his birthday as India beat Proteas by 243 runs

FIROZ MIRZA @Kolkata

On December 24, 2009 at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata, Virat Kohli, who was only a year old in international cricket, stitched together a 224-run partnership with his Delhi teammate Gautam Gambhir as India chased down 316 against Sri Lanka. Both the players scored a ton each with the century being Kohli's first international hundred.

Back to the present, the then 21-year-old Kohli, celebrated his 35th birthday at the same historic venue by slamming his 49th ODI century against South Africa at the ongoing World Cup on Sunday. It was his 79th international hundred (29 in Tests and one in T20Is) but probably one of the special few that will remain close to his heart. After all, with it, he equalled his role model Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 ODI centuries.

Starting the tournament with two tons shy of the record, he scored 85 against Australia in India's opener and followed it up with 55 not out against Afghanistan. Against Pakistan he got out for 16 but in the next match he hit 103 not out against Bangladesh to narrow the gap. Since then, it turned out to be the anxious wait for him and fans across the globe as he got out for 95 against New Zealand in the next match before scoring a nought and 88 against England and Sri Lanka, respectively.

The stadium was a sea of blue. There was no hiding where the crowd's allegiance was. In this part of the country, the devotion to the sport in unflappable. Their passion extreme and their emotions always run high. When Kohli reached the milestone, the sound inside resembled thousand dolby-atmos theatres. It was deafening. The mobile lights were switched on and whosoever could capture, freezed that moment when Kohli raised his bat to acknowledge the crowd. But it was not just Kohli, the crowd was vociferous every time wickets fell or while third umpire showed the not out sign on the giant screen.

Winning the toss, India skipper Rohit Sharma opted to bat against the opponents who are a rung below them on the points table. As mostly has been the case during the tournament, the captain gave a flying start to the team, scoring 40 off just 24 balls before getting caught at mid-off in the penultimate ball of sixth over with the hosts comfortably placed at 62/1. His departure, however, slowed down the proceedings as the team managed 31 runs off the next 28 balls, also losing opener Shubman Gill in the process. Keshav Maharaj bowled his stock delivery which landed just outside leg before turning away not only to beat the leading edge of Gill's bat but also clipping off the bails leaving the batter in disbelief.

Shreyas Iyer then joined Kohli in the middle to resurrect the team's innings. They battled together for more than 25 overs to add 134 runs for the third wicket before Iyer departed, top-edging an off-cutter from pacer Lungi Ngidi which was safely pouched at mid-on by Aiden Markram. Interestingly enough, a couple of overs before the Mumbai batter got out, the scoring rate dropped considerably. India were 213/2 after 34 overs scoring at 6.26 per over. Next eight overs fetched the team 36 runs — 6, 4, 4, 6, 3, 3, 4, 6 in order — even as they lost Iyer. Kohli was 62 off 78 at the end of 34 overs and he crawled to 78 off 102 after 42.

As it turned out in the end, the century proved to be the star batter's slowest with him remaining unbeaten on 101 off 121 balls with the strike rate of 83.47. The century had helped India get to 300 as they won the match by 76 runs. It also earned Kohli the Player of the Match award.

India scored 87 runs in the last ten overs with Kohli contributing 26 off 26 balls in that period. A lot of it could, however, has to be attributed to the surface where the ball presumably was stopping before coming onto the bat. As the match progressed, the strip seemed to have slowed down considerably with left-arm orthodox Maharaj exploiting the conditions well to finish with figures of 10-0-30-1.

It's a huge honour to equal my hero's (Tendulkar) record. He's perfection with the bat. It's an emotional moment. I know the days I come from, I know the days I have watched him on TV.

- Virat Kohli

Speaking on his hundred and the target it helped to set up on the board, Kohli said, "Grateful to God that I've been blessed with such moments. It's a target well above par for me as the ball was gripping and it wasn't easy to get hold of the bowlers. We have a quality attack. Wicket will get slower, pressure will mount, so hopefully we start well with the new ball."

Kohli's words turned out to be prophetic as the Proteas lost wickets in heaps to get bowled out for 83 in 27.1 overs. Ravindra Jadeja turned out to be the wrecker-in-chief with 5/33.

Brief scores: India 326/5 in 50 ovs (Kohli 101 n.o, Iyer 77) bt South Africa 83 in 27.1 ovs (Jadeja 5/33, Kuldeep 2/7).

Virat Kohli (left) celebrates after reaching his century against South Africa in the ongoing World Cup at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

49 & COUNTING...

HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME OF KOHLI'S MEMORABLE ODI HUNDREDS...

107 VS SL, DEC 2009

It was his first ever century, and that came at Eden Gardens (Kolkata) against Sri Lanka, an opponent he would go on to dominate for years.

133* VS SL, FEB 2012

By now, he had scored eight hundreds, but this was the one that announced the arrival of a star. In a must-win clash against Sri Lanka in Hobart, he toyed around with Lasith Malinga to help India chase down 321 in 36.4 overs. That 24-run over against Malinga is one for the ages.

183 VS PAK, MAR 2012

He joined Tendulkar in the middle and then built a partnership with Rohit Sharma, the other batter who would go on to break the former's records. That match hinted India's bright future in the batting department.

107 VS PAK, FEB 2015

If he started the 2011 WC with a ton against Bangladesh, 2015 was no different. Kohli put on a batting masterclass against Pakistan in Melbourne to ensure India's dominance against the sub-continental rivals in ODI World Cups.

129* VS SA, FEB 2018

It was a year where he averaged 133.55 in ODI cricket while striking at 102.55. He was scoring centuries for fun, and the unbeaten 129 against South Africa in Centurion was one of the highlights.

113 VS BAN, DEC 2022

Ishan Kishan's double century stole headlines, but this was a significant century. For it was his first in the format in well over three years.

101* VS SA, NOV 2023

It was like it was written in the stars. A century against South Africa in Kolkata on his birthday to equal Tendulkar. The 49th ODI ton. Could there be a better script?

End of era? England's sorry state of affairs

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

EVEN before Adam Zampa had finished his post-match press conference inside the bowels of the Narendra Modi Stadium, Jos Buttler had checked in. He was leaning against a wall a few metres from where Zampa was taking questions. The Australian leg-spinner, who had claimed the wicket of the English captain, was describing his handy ODI record against the keeper (five wickets at an average of 8.6).

Buttler managed a feeble smile — a smile nonetheless — when Zampa said: "He smacks me a lot as well, particularly in T20 cricket. I think I got him out three times (sic: two) after they won the T20 World Cup and I'm not sure he had sobered up yet... he's a good friend of mine as well." It was a reminder of the good times. Less than a year ago, Buttler had led them to a T20 World Cup title in Australia. By the time the soft-spoken 33-year-old was done with his press conference, it was apparent he wanted a moment for himself. Frustrated was one word he kept using. Disappointed was another.

Watching on from the sidelines, it wasn't hard to think this was the end of one of the best teams ever assembled across both white-ball formats. Minutes after Buttler walked out, Moeen Ali, on mixed zone duties, agreed. "Yeah, maybe (is it the end of a great team?)," he said. "I look at it as an exciting time because there are so many good players who can come in for the next World Cup. Like 2015, we were terrible in the World Cup and we started again, almost."

That is a direct acknowledgement that the 15-member could do with an overhaul. That much, though, was always clear. This contingent could do with a sprinkling of youth. In 2019, all of them were at the peak of their powers. In 2023, England fielded a XI where not a single player was below 30 (against Sri Lanka, Liam Livingstone was the youngest at 30 years and three months). What makes this implosion worse is there are few mitigating factors. Jofra Archer's injury (although considering his injury record, you are better off legislating such a scenario) and Reece Topley having to go home mid-tournament are not good reasons for the defending champs to lose six out of seven games.

Jos Buttler & Co have struggled in every department | AFP

There have been several man-made disasters. The selection of Harry Brook in the XIth hour suggested they weren't sure. Having impressed with the bat, England's only genuine player to come through in this World Cup cycle had been jettisoned without a proper explanation. The Hail Mary call and the continued selection of Ben Stokes was another. While these have been tangible and hard to miss, England have also suffered because they managed to sleepwalk through the car crash without identifying what's been affecting their performances. Ali tried to put a finger on it. "(A) lack of confidence in the batting department," he said. "We haven't been good enough."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

DID YOU KNOW?

WORLD CUP TRIVIA

Sri Lankan Kumar Dharmasena is the only person to feature as both a player (1996) and umpire (2015, 2019) in World Cup finals.

Tale of crowd chaos during 1999 India-Pak Test at Eden Gardens

FIROZ MIRZA @Kolkata

SOON after the much-anticipated India-Pakistan clash at the ongoing World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board filed a formal complaint to the ICC alleging inappropriate behaviour from the Ahmedabad crowd towards its players. There are numerous instances when such troubles, sometimes violent as well, affected the matches with some of them postponed or even abandoned. One such incident, which even found a place in the legendary Pakistan pacer Wasim Akram's memoir — Sultan, happened at Eden Gardens in Kolkata with arch-rivals India and Pakistan playing the first match of the Asian Tests Championship in February 1999.

Even as emotions ran high, the match kept swinging in the two teams' favour across four days. However, Sachin Tendulkar's unfortunate run out after he collided with Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar on the penultimate day infuriated the spectators, who started pelting bottles and other objects at the bowler as he returned to his fielding position in the deep. Tendulkar's appeal might have pacified the crowd but all hell broke loose within 30 minutes of the play on the last day, prompting the police to forcibly vacate the ground filled with thousands of people. The then police commissioner of Kolkata, Dinesh Vajpai, still remembers the day. "Naturally, the public was angry after Tendulkar's dismissal in the second innings. They somehow were pacified that day as their hero, Tendulkar, made an appeal to them but on the fifth day, they went on a rampage as India were on the verge of loss,"

File picture of the 1999 incident during the India-Pakistan Test match | AFP

Vajpai, who retired as the DGP of West Bengal in 2004, told this daily.

The top cop even ran for the post of president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) the next year but was defeated convincingly by Jagmohan Dalmiya. Recalling the 1999 incident, the IPS officer from the 1966 batch said, "Construction work was going on at the venue with debris lying all over. We have been telling the cricket authorities of Bengal to repair the stadium as it was in bad shape. We feared it may happen and even wrote to the CAB and state government but to no avail. Crowd trouble marred the match twice before the violence on the last day. It is always difficult to control such a huge crowd especially with their team certain to lose the match."

When Vajpai pronounced his decision to remove the spectators from the ground, police deployed at the venue were skeptical as they believed the task was almost impossible. "I asked the cops to first vacate people seated near the exit gates. Had we started removing people randomly that would have led to a stampede. Once the exit gates were vacated, we started removing other spectators. A few agreed to leave the venue while others were forcibly removed but we never resorted to lathi charge as that too would have caused panic leading to the stampede. We managed to vacate the stadium filled with around 65,000 people in 15-20 minutes with the help of a little over 2,000 police personnel, a section of whom were deployed outside the stadium," said 79-year-old Vajpai, who was stationed in the ground and was in constant touch with cops over the walkie-talkie.

Even as the former top cop asserted police didn't resort to cane charging, journalists and others who were present at the venue on that fateful day believed otherwise. "I was covering that match and saw people injured. Police resorted to lathi charge as far as I know," a journalist told this daily.

Incidentally, Vajpai also witnessed the ill-fated 1996 World Cup semifinal between India and Sri Lanka which had to be abandoned as the crowd turned violent.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Air of uncertainty in Delhi

Sri Lanka take on Bangladesh in capital city with the pollution getting worse. A look...

NOT THE FIRST TIME

Both teams have experienced Delhi pollution in the past. SL faced it back in 2017 during a Test where players wore masks while Bangladesh players did the same during a T20I in 2019.

WILL PLAY BE AFFECTED?

Both teams have opted out of training sessions on occasions in the past couple of days due to air quality. On Sunday morning, the AQI reading was 457 according to the Central Pollution Control Board. Per the ICC playing conditions, a call is to be taken by the umpires on the day of the game.

TODAY'S GAME:
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REPORTER'S DIARY

Springboks, and the story of a cap at WC

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

FLIGHT delays are never nice. Especially when they come at the end of the work trip and in the middle of the night. The airline staff have no idea about the gate or the revised departure time, so to salvage the damage done by multiple delays (potato chips) they hand out the food package.

Even in that line for the cold airline food at the Pune airport a full day after South Africa's win against New Zealand, two strangers — one wearing a jersey of a rugby team and this reporter wearing that cap of the same team — managed a high-five yelling "Go Bokke". That's what sport and a cap can do.

It wasn't the first time that the cap had come in handy to break the ice. Just a day before at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Morne Kirstein and Gavin Myburgh, both from Pretoria, finally found a local with whom they could share their joy of South Africa's Rugby World Cup win.

"It was tense in the final. But it was like that throughout the knockouts. The Springboks have won the quarterfinal, semifinal and final with just one point. We are used to that stress by now. I even saw a video where they said, winning by one point is the best. Anything more than that is a waste of resources," Morne and Gavin laughed. The cap made these conversations happen.

And it did not stop with the fans. The cap also resonated with the players and support staff. Mickey Arthur, Pakistan's team director, was visibly distorted after Pakistan's close loss to South Africa as he addressed the media at the press conference with his regular flair. After that, the South Africa-born had a small conversation with all of the reporters from the Rainbow Nation.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

ACB selector's bouncer to Oz officials

FIROZ MIRZA @Kolkata

THROWING the first salvo ahead of their high-stake clash in the ongoing ODI World Cup, Asadullah Khan, chief selector of Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB), demanded an answer from Cricket Australia (CA) whether its team will compete against Hashmatullah Shahidi & Co. in Mumbai on Tuesday.

CA earlier this year had withdrawn from the ODI series against Afghanistan in response to the Taliban's treatment of women. ACB chief selector asked what's the stand of CA now. "Let's see what CA stands for now? Whether they will stand for humanitarian rights as they did earlier this year or go for two points, which seem to be very important in their bid to qualify for the semi-finals," Khan told this daily. One of the CA officials accompanying the team here in India was requested for a response on the issue but he didn't reply to text messages.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Vaishali wins to inch closer to GM title

ISLE OF MAN (UK): On the verge of her Grandmaster title, R Vaishali beat Zhongyi Tan of China to remain in sole lead after the end of the 10th and penultimate round of FIDE Women Grand Prix here. Vaishali, along with her younger brother Praggnanandhaa, became the first brother-sister duo to qualify for the respective Candidates and they will be in action in Canada next year.

Kerala women beat Baroda, enter semis

RAIPUR: Najla CMC (2/11) and Keerthy K James (2/11) took two wickets each to restrict Baroda to 75 before Kerala chased down the target to enter the semifinal of the Senior Women's T20 Trophy with a eight-wicket win. Uttarakhand and Bengal beat Punjab and Railways, respectively, to enter the semifinals as well. Kerala will face Uttarakhand on Tuesday.

India women beat Japan to win ACT title

RANCHI: Indian women's team crushed title holders Japan 4-0 to lift their second Asian Champions Trophy title here on Sunday. The match started 50 minutes late because of issues with the floodlights. India overcame the two-time champions through goals from Sangita Kumari (17th minute), Neha (46th), Laremsiami (57th) and Vandana Katariya (60th).

Diaz helps Liverpool hold Luton Town

LUTON: Luis Diaz's late strike helped Liverpool level with Luton Town to secure a 1-1 draw in the Premier League clash here on Sunday. Meanwhile, Nottingham Forest stunned Aston Villa with a deserved 2-0 win. Earlier, Ronald Araujo's injury-time goal helped Barcelona bag three points against Real Sociedad in the La Liga fixture played late on Saturday.

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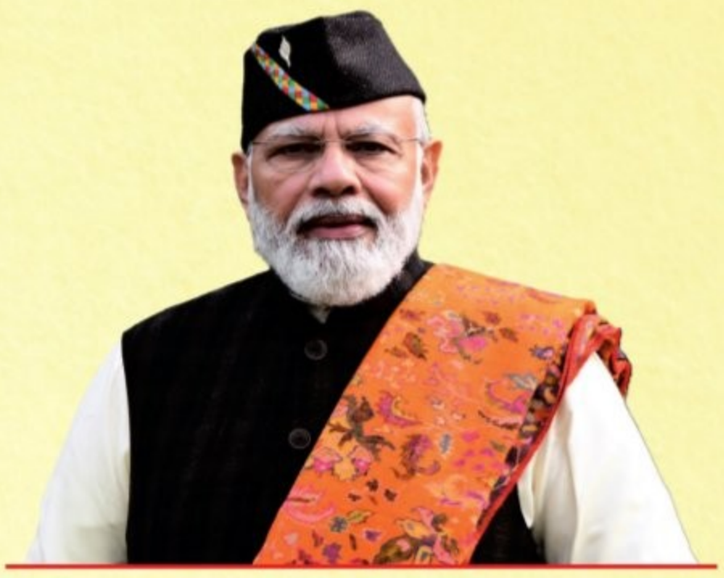

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- UPCL ranked 1st among Himalayan States in Consumer Service Rating by Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- First position among Himalayan states, 9th position in the entire country in the ranking of NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index for the year 2021.
- Uttarakhand Tourism awarded as the Best Adventure Tourism Destination by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- Award of Best Tourism Village to Sarmoli village of Pithoragarh district by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- The Char Dham Road Project strengthened the road connectivity of Char Dham as well as Tanakpur-Pithoragarh.
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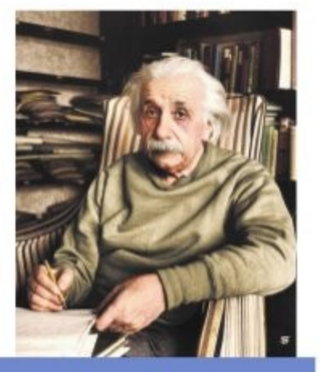

DAY'S DIARY

Gandhi arrested

On this day in 1913, MK Gandhi was arrested in South Africa for leading a march of Indian miners with thousands of mine workers' support

THE BILL IN PROTEST

The Indian Relief Bill imposed tax payment on all former indentured labourers — most Indians in South Africa. To fight this, Gandhi was arrested twice

THE REBEL

Gandhi had launched the Volksrust Satyagraha against the laws, Registration of marriages Act, 3 Pound tax and restriction on movement of Indians

BILL SCRAPPED

General Smuts of the South African government gave up, and in 1914 passed the Indian Relief Act which did away with the discriminatory laws

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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Illustrator Priya Kuriyan, who recently collaborated with Shashi Tharoor, about her love for doodling, working on children's books, and what illustration means as a career choice

BETWEEN THE LINES

One of Kuriyan's artworks

MONIKA MONALISA

It's a whole new level of calmness that illustrator **Priya Kuriyan** exudes. But behind this coy and soft spoken person is an imaginative and sought-after illustrator, whose recent work was for Shashi Tharoor and Joseph Zacharias' *The Less You Preach The More You Learn*.

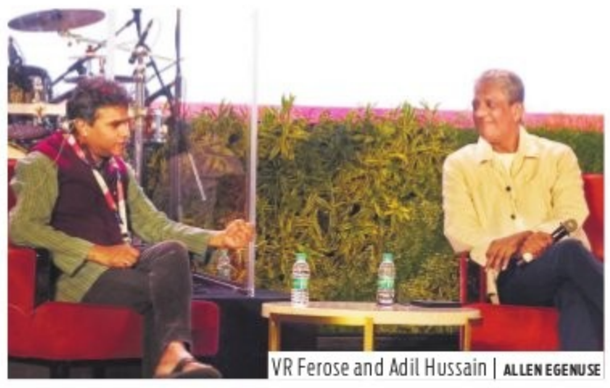
"The book has a lot of aphorisms, so the illustrations had to be indicative of those," says Kuriyan, who has also worked with Sahitya Akademi winner Manu Pillai on his book *The Courtesan, the Mahatma & the Italian Brahmin: Tales from Indian History*. "I have done a lot of book covers. It is just that many books for adults don't have illustrations in them since a lot of publishers think that books with illustrations are meant for a younger audience. Manu's book was different, it was for youngsters. That's why the team thought of trying out something new," says Kuriyan.

Apart from books for adults, Kuriyan is mostly known for her works for children's books. "I have been working in the children's book section for longer. It comes more naturally to me now. I understand that space better and I feel you can be much more imaginative when it comes to children's literature; to me that is an advantage," explains Kuriyan, adding that out of all her works, *Ammachi's Glasses* still holds a special place. "It had no words. The story was told entirely through visuals and it was the first time I was doing a book of my own without a writer," adds Kuriyan, who is currently working on a comic anthology for children. Along with that, she is also doing two picture books for different publications.

PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

At a time when digital art is considered more financially viable for artistes, Kuriyan still prefers to go analog. "Comics require a lot more work than picture books. Very often, the timelines are really short. In the comic space, I have started working on an iPad where I still draw; for picture books, I always prefer going analog. There is something about digital art that makes it feel less vulnerable. Something about it looks frozen. Also, when you are drawing in analog style, you are making mistakes. Those imperfections make the art unique," says Kuriyan, who started her career in the field of animation.

But for those starting out as an illustrator, Kuriyan suggests keeping a day job, especially for those planning to get into children's books. "Build your portfolio while you have something consistent. Keep practising. Talent is overrated, after a point, consistency matters," she says.



VR Ferose and Adil Hussain | ALLEN EGENUSE

Inclusion Takes Stage

The 11th edition of the India Inclusion Summit celebrated innovations and inspiring stories of diversity and hope

POOJA DAS

Inclusion can have many different meanings, encompassing within it a promise to embrace diversity without prejudice. But for thousands of differently-abled people across the country, the word does not only mean embracing diversity but hope that they are seen as equals. This hope is celebrated annually in Bengaluru with the India Inclusion Summit, organised by author and technologist VR Ferose, who founded the India Inclusion Foundation.

"One of the biggest inspirations for starting the summit came after a discussion with Arun Shourie, who was a former cabinet minister. He empashised the need for a change in the narrative around disability. The way to change the narrative is to celebrate people for who they are, which is what we do here," said Ferose, who started this foundation after his son was diagnosed with autism.

The 11th edition of the summit held recently brought together thought leaders, innovators and speakers working in the field of disability along with notable actors like Dr Mohan Agashe and Adil Hussain. The hosts of the event, 12-year old Keya Hatkar with a rare genetic disorder of Spinal Muscular Atrophy and 11-year-old Prathamesh Sinha, who is visually impaired, infused infectious energy into the event.

Padma Shri awardee Dr Agashe, who is also a psychiatrist by profession, spoke about how education has become dominated by just reading and writing which creates exclusion. "We are not taught how to actually see and listen which makes many of us sensory-disabled. Words have completely replaced sensitivity, creating a world of cognitive terrorism."

Siddharth Dutta, a parent and caregiver attending the event, said, "My son is autistic, so there are enough reasons for me to be here so I can have my daily dose of motivation. It's like an annual pilgrimage for people like us. This is for awareness for the rest of the world, but for us, it's a celebration."

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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THE LATEST FROM THE WORLD OF AUTOMOBILES

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CITY READ

Edtech to offer skill-learning courses

BrightCHAMPS, an edtech platform, has partnered with Harvard Business Publishing Education to offer access to Harvard ManageMentor courses in coding, financial literacy, English language, robotics, and entrepreneurship to its students worldwide. This collaboration will also let the students earn certificates in various skills, including negotiation, presentation, machine learning, and more. Specialised teacher training in the course material will be arranged to make the process easier for the students. HBP Education is a division of Harvard Business Publishing, a not-for-profit, independent corporation affiliated to Harvard Business School.

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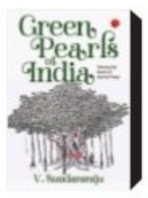
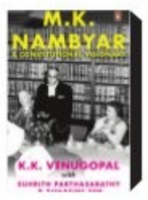


Green Pearls of India

By V Sundararaju

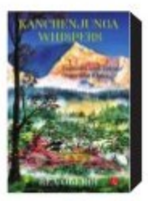
V Sundararaju captures the essence and beauty of 27 sacred trees and vividly describes their religious, social, economic, ecological, cultural and medicinal values and explores the stories and legends associated with them.



MK Nambyar

By KK Venugopal

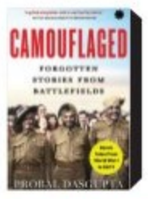
This book attempts to preserve the life of one of India's greatest constitutional lawyers, MK Nambyar. Written by his son, KK Venugopal, this biography recapitulates Indian legal history before Independence. The book includes landmark cases Mr Nambyar fought in his legal career.



Kanchenjunga Whispers

By Rea Oberoi

In this book, Rea weaves a narrative full of forest shamans, bodhisattvas, hidden tribes, gods and goddesses and travels to the valley of flowers, the ruins of an ancient kingdom, sacred forests, magical caverns and mythical monasteries.



Camouflaged

By Probal DasGupta

Camouflage captures the forgotten and lost stories from the battlefield or unrecorded by history. Spanning over a century – from the ravaged terrains of Italy and France during the World Wars to the icy summits of India's borderlands and to Indian cities gripped by terror attacks – this book presents hidden stories from India's military past.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Mould With Love

Engage in hand-building and wheel techniques in this pottery workshop and design your creations and take home your very own crafts.

WHEN: Nov 7, 5pm
WHERE: Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Poetry Session

Connect with fellow poets through spoken word with enriching, soulful literature through an evening of understanding deep emotions, the power of words and rhythmic verses. **WHEN:** Nov 7, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Science Talks

Talk about a scientific discovery, scientists you are inspired by, or a personal experience with science. Participate in discussions about great science mysteries, fun facts, and personal stories.

WHEN: Nov 8, 5pm
WHERE: Yuvapatha, Jayanagar
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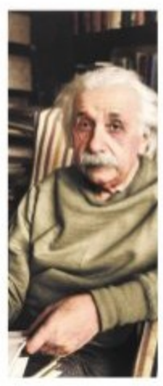

Art Therapy

Check out a range of portraits, abstracts, divine art, nature, and watercolour art pieces at this art exhibition. You could also commission art works of your choice.

WHEN: Nov 7, 5pm
WHERE: Verde Canvas Art Gallery, KR Puram
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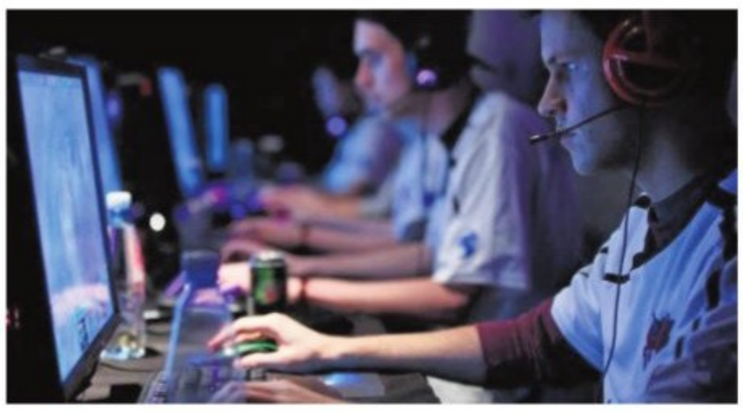

Game On

This one is for all the gaming enthusiasts looking for some festive action. Enter the ultimate Battlegrounds Mobile India competition in the spirit of Diwali. Look forward to intense competition, live music and more.

WHEN: Nov 7, 1pm **WHERE:** Koramangala Indoor Stadium **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Laugh Away

Sit back and enjoy stand-up comedies by local English and Hindi comics. Grab a bite while you savour several jokes throughout the evening.

WHEN: Nov 7, 8.30pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CELEBRATIONS GALORE

It was a late Kannada Rajyotsava celebration in JP Nagar with many coming together in colourful outfits for a music programme. | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

TAWA PANEER

Contributed by **Minaxi,** Guwahati

INGREDIENTS

- **Paneer:** 250 g, cubed
- **Onion:** 1, finely chopped
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** 1 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Garam masala:** 1 tsp
- **Oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Salt to taste**
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Fresh coriander leaves for garnish**

METHOD

- Heat oil, sauté onion and ginger-garlic paste.
- Add spices, and salt; cook until soft.
- Add paneer, garam masala, and heat through.
- Garnish with coriander leaves.
- Serve hot.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

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FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA JANU SIRSASANA VARIATION ONE HAND ON KNEE

(REVOLVED HEAD TO KNEE POSE VARIATION ONE HAND ON KNEE)

This is a variation of Revolved Head To Knee Pose. It improves strength and flexibility of the spine and stimulates visceral organs in the chest and abdomen, as there is a fresh blood supply to the internal organs right after being released from the posture.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana for about 2-3 breaths.
- Inhale, bend your right leg at the knee, placing the right foot close to the inside of the left thigh.
- Now, place your right sole close to the perineal.
- Exhale, bring the upper body close to the left thigh and hold on to the left foot with the hands.
- Lower the left elbow on your stretched leg, inhale, twist right and bring the head out, continue holding on to the foot or toes with both hands.
- Stay here for about a breath, feel comfortable, release the lower arm (left) and bring it to rest on the bent knee (right).
- Stretch the arm, stay here for about 5 breaths.
- Inhale, release the hand and straighten your body, coming back to sit in Dandasana.
- Sitting with your hands on the sides of the body, legs stretched, and your head-neck-back in one line.
- Stay here for a while and then repeat on the other side.
- Do a few rounds of Seated Cat Cow Pose or relax in Extended Child Pose.

BENEFITS

- Helps prepare the body to follow advanced forward bends.
- Compressions to abdominal muscles and organs on one side of the body, and stretches them on the other side.
- It can be included in power yoga.
- Reduces or burns excess fat on the sides of the belly.
- Stimulates the liver, kidneys and other vital abdominal organs.
- Beneficial for armpits and shoulders.
- Gives relief from back pain.
- Releases stress and fatigue and reduces anxiety.
- Beneficial in insomnia.
- Good for headaches.

LIMITATIONS

Do not come upright while performing the pose as it could cause injuries.

People suffering from any conditions of sciatica, slipped disc, injured knee, hips, arms, shoulders and hernia or diarrhoea, avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

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PACHUVUM ATHBUTHA VILAKKUM (Malayalam)

Pachu, a middle-class Malayali who runs an Ayurveda pharmacy in Mumbai, travels to Kerala for an errand. The incidents that follow puts him in a spot where he is persuaded to accompany an old lady on his return journey to Mumbai. What follows completely changes the course of Pachu's life.

Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Anjana Jayaprakash, Dhwani Rajesh, Viji Venkatesh

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

KASARGOLD (Malayalam)

A car crash leaves two gold smugglers without their valuable cargo. But getting it back means chasing the thief deep into Kerala's chaotic underworld.

Cast: Asif Ali, Sunny Wayne, Vinayakan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KARM YUDDH (Hindi)

A deadly fire accident brings Bhisham Roy under the scanner, leading to a power grab within the family. This is a story about power battles within a rich Bengali family and how blood turns against blood with a lack of emotions.

Cast: Satish Kaushik, Paoli Dam, Ashutosh Rana

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

MAAMA MASCHINDRA (Telugu)

The story narrates the transformation of Parasuram to face his fears and inhibitions despite of the hardships faced as a child.

Cast: Sudheer Babu, Eesha Rebba, Mirnalini Ravi, Harsha Vardhan, Ali Reza

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ARE YOU OK BABY? (Tamil)

A heart-wrenching tale of adoption unfolds, pitting adoptive parents against the biological mother. Media intervention escalates the issue to legal consequences and emotional turmoil, leading to a courtroom drama.

Cast: Samuthirakani, Abhirami, Lakshmy Ramakrishnan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DUGDUGI (Bengali)

Abanish lives a humdrum life with complicated personal equations and banal professional problems. His ordinary life takes an extraordinary turn when his wife suddenly goes missing, resulting in utter chaos that doesn't seem to end.

Cast: Anirban Chakrabarti, Biswanath Basu, Shreya Bhattacharya, Rayati Bhattacharya

- **Watch on:** Hoichoi

SCAM 2003: THE TELGI STORY VOL 2

Abdul Karim Telgi was the man behind the stamp paper scam. The first volume was about his rise, the second volume is about his fall. Corrupt lawyers, cops, and politicians all willing to look the other way.

Cast: Gagan Dev Riar, Mukesh Tiwari, and Irawati Harshe

- **Watch on:** SonyLiv

FOREIGN

PAIN HUSTLERS (English)

Hired to work for a bankrupt pharmaceutical company, Liza Drake, a single mother skyrockets with sales and into the high life. After the company's success, she finds herself at the centre of a federal criminal conspiracy. Is she actually guilty?

Cast: Emily Blunt, Chris Evans, Catherine O'Hara, Andy García

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DOONA! (Korean, series)

Everything changes in the life of Lee Doo Na, a successful singer after she abruptly announces her decision to quit music. Though Lee faces the difficult aftermath of her choice, she will soon be meeting the love of her life.

Cast: Bae Suzy, Yang Se-Jong, Lee Yoo Bi

- **Watch on:** Netflix

AWARENESS (Spanish)

In this sci-fi thriller, a rebellious teen, with an ability to generate visual illusions, manipulates the mind. When one of his cons goes awry, he becomes the target of two rival organisations, who want to exploit his powers.

Cast: Carlos Scholz, Pedro Alonso, María Pedraza, Óscar Jaenada

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

EVERYBODY LOVES DIAMONDS (Italian, series)

Inspired by the true events, the series follows Leonardo Notarbartolo and his gang of thieves, who attempt to pull off the heist of the century. They manage to fool top security officials with a plan to steal millions of dollars worth of gems from Antwerp's diamond centre.

Cast: Kim Rossi Stuart, Anna Foglietta, Rupert Everett

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

With stellar safety scores and comprehensive updates, Tata Motors has cemented its place on the throne in the Indian market with its flagship SUVs – Harrier and Safari

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

TATA Motors' premier SUVs, the Harrier and Safari, recently achieved top safety ratings in crash tests conducted under the Global New Car Assessment Programme (GNCAP), earning a 5-star rating for both adult and child protection. This accomplishment positions these vehicles at the forefront of the Indian automotive market. Furthermore, both SUVs have undergone extensive overhauls, prompting the question: do they live up to the hype? We embarked on long drives in each vehicle to find out.

Exterior

While the Harrier retains its basic shape, it features a variety of design updates. The modernised front boasts a large grille and air dam combination, adorned with horizontal and compact body-coloured stripes. Slim Daytime Running Lamps(DRLs) are connected by a thin light strip at the top, while vertically aligned LED headlights sit on the bumper. The design incorporates a scuff plate. On the sides, there's a refreshed design for the 18-inch alloy wheels. At the rear, the tail lamps are also connected by a light strip.

Interiors

The car's interior is generously spacious, with a 12.3-inch touch screen and a 10.25-inch driver information display taking centre stage. The 4-spoke steering wheel, featuring a horizontal glossy panel and a backlit Tata logo, is another highlight. The interior also offers a variety of panel colour combinations aligned with the different vehicle variants (or 'personas', as Tata calls them).

Seats & AC

The seats offer substantial support, with ventilation in the front seats and adjustable headrests in the back, reminiscent of non-economy flight seats. A panoramic sunroof enhances the cabin's sense of spaciousness. The car features dual-zone AC, controlled via a touch panel on the centre console. Additionally, the vehicle is Alexa-enabled, allowing voice control for functions like music, AC, and the sunroof.

Technology

The Harrier is laden with cool, new technology. It includes a Harman infotainment system and a 10-speaker JBL music system, offering 13 sound modes to accommodate various music genres. The 10.25-inch driver information screen can display a full-size map when connected to a smartphone. The 360-degree camera provides high-resolution visuals on the 12.3-inch screen, aiding in manoeuvring this big, 4.6-meter-long vehicle.

Driver comforts

The SUV features a dozen Advanced Driver-Assist System (ADAS) features, such as blind-spot warning, cross-traffic alert, and adaptive cruise control, which enhance safety and convenience, even if they're not used regularly. A gesture-controlled boot opening is a thoughtful addition.

The experience

The 2-litre diesel engine, boasting 170hp peak power, remains the sole engine option for the Harrier. The vehicle offers Eco, City, and Sport drive modes alongside Normal, Wet, and Rough terrain modes, which noticeably alter the car's power delivery and traction. The gearbox options include a six-speed manual and a far more refined six-speed torque converter automatic. The ride and handling characteristics have significantly improved, primarily due to the new electric power steering, which is highly responsive at all speeds. The suspension has also been re-tuned for a smoother drive.

Final verdict

Harrier has evolved into a more appealing and recommendable vehicle, with a wide range of variants priced between ₹15.5-26 lakh. Safari incorporates the smart features of Harrier, resulting in significantly improved ride quality and handling. With prices between ₹16-27 lakh, the new Safari is a good 'family SUV'.

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

THE NEW SAFARI

The Safari is essentially a Harrier with three rows (offering six or seven seats) and several visual distinctions. The Safari is 63 millimetres longer than the Harrier, though its wheelbase remains unchanged at 2741mm. Its front design features a connected LED strip for DRLs, akin to the Harrier. However, its grille only extends across the top half of the front, with the air dam excluded. The alloy wheel design also differs, with 18 inches as the standard and 19 inches for the top variant. The interior predominantly features oyster white, lending a premium feel, though the white steering wheel may be questionable. Unlike the Harrier, the Safari offers ventilated seats in the second row's captain chairs (in the six-seater version), adding to its comfort. The third-row seats are surprisingly spacious and comfortable, even for adults – a rarity in many SUVs and MPVs. Ample seat height, leg room, and headroom, as well as AC blower control and utility spaces, are additional highlights.

NEW RELEASES

HYUNDAI EXTER BAGS BEST DESIGN AWARD

Hyundai Motor India's sporty entry-level SUV, Exter, has garnered multiple accolades at India's Best Design Awards 2023, hosted by Design India. Its dynamic and innovative design stands out, setting a new benchmark in its segment. The Exter was honoured with the prestigious 'India's Best Design Project' Award, and the Hyundai design team received recognition as 'India's Best In-House Studio'. Drawing inspiration from outdoor travel, the Exter features energetic and captivating design elements, a bold front profile, unique Signature H-LED DRLs, and an iconic character, promising a design that surpasses expectations. Additionally, its well-balanced ergonomics ensure rear visibility for passengers, enhancing daylight entry and all-around visibility. Exter's capabilities and design establish it as the ideal companion for outdoor adventures.

HONDA CB300R 2023 EDITION LAUNCHED

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India has launched the 2023 edition of the CB300R, compliant with OBD2A standards and designed as the ultimate Neo Sports Café Roadster, transforming ordinary rides into thrilling adventures. The motorcycle, now available for booking at ₹2.40 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi), features a robust 286.01cc, 4-stroke, single-cylinder BSVI OBD2A compliant PGM-FI engine, delivering 22.9 kW ofpower and 27.5Nm of torque. Paired with a smooth six-speed gearbox, the CB300R promises an exhilarating riding experience. It is available in Pearl Spartan Red and Matte Massive Grey Metallic shades.

NEW TVS JUPITER 125 BOASTS COOL FEATURES

TVS Motor Company has unveiled the all-new Jupiter 125, featuring the advanced SmartXonnectTM technology and leading the segment with innovative connected features. Available in two new colours – Elegant Red and Matte Copper Bronze – the SmartXonnectTM variant is set to redefine standards in its class, ensuring safety, convenience, and a seamless connection with the digital world. Priced at ₹96,855 (ex-showroom, Delhi), the TVS Jupiter 125 SmartXonnectTM is now accessible nationwide, offering a unique blend of modernity and connectivity.

RIVOT NX100 REVS UP ELECTRIC GAME

Electric Scooter RIVOT Motors, a newcomer in the electric mobility sector, has introduced the NX100 electric scooter, available in five exciting variants to suit diverse rider preferences and requirements, starting at ₹89,000. Notably, RIVOT Motors is the first brand to offer an electric scooter with an upgradable range, allowing customers to enhance their vehicle's range from 100-300km as their needs grow. The scooter boasts three variants: an efficient motor inverter technology delivering 55-60 kilometres per kWh and a specialised LiMFP battery chemistry optimised for performance in India's varied temperature conditions.

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NUGGETS

IIIT-BANGALORE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

On occasion of its silver jubilee year, the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) marked an important milestone with a valedictory function. Founded in 1998, IIIT-B has become a premiere institution in the field of information technology. The institute emphasises international exchange programmes and industry partnerships, fostering a strong research culture. Several highlights were mentioned during the celebrations, including the institution's contribution to Tele MANAS, the National Mental Health helpline which has handled over 4,00,000 calls since its launch in October 2022.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DILEEP VITTAL PAJEKAR SHENOY (OLD NAME) S/O VITTAL PAJEKAR SHENOY aged about 44 years residing at KHB Diamond Township, Flat No B1-601, 6th Floor, BSM Extension Kengeri Satellite town Bangalore–560060.I Have Changed my Name as DILEEP SHENOY, Affidavit Dated 03/11/2023 Sworn before Notary Deepa M.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ganesh .S. Hegde**, R/a House No.81, 2nd B Main, 1st A Cross, Classic pleasant Layout, JP Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore-560083. I have changed my name from **Ganesh Subraya** to **GANESH .S. HEGDE**. Vide affidavit Dated 31.10.2023. Sworn before notary : L Puttaraju

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YETHISH NAGENDRA** S/o **Nagendra Krishna** R/at No.27, 9th Main, Jalahalli Sri. Matha Layout, Bengaluru- 560013, have changed my name to **YETHISH** vide affidavit dated: 4/11/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) P.B.ZAHEER AHMED, Residing at # 901, 31st B Cross, 4th T Block, Tilak Nagar Jayanagar Bangalore 560041, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) P.B.ZAHEER AHMED** to **(NEW NAME) ZAHEER AHMED** vide affidavit dated 04.11.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Bachi Reddy Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VENKATESH.R.KULKARNI** (New Name), S/o RAGHAVENDRA, Aged about 39 YEARS, Resident at NO.1-209, NEAR ISHWARA TEMPLE, KODADUR, CHITTAPUR TALUK, KALABURAGI-585312, KARNATAKA, PRESENTLY CAMPED AT BENGALURU CITY, declare that I have changed my name from **VENKATESH (Old Name) to VENKATESH.R.KULKARNI** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **VENKATESH .R. KULKARNI** (New Name)for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 04/11/2023 before Notary **SIVAKUMARA .M.N.** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Bhavyashree. M. d/o Manjanna.R residing at Site No.110/3, Nagondanahalli Village, Behind Yallammadevi Temple, Immadihalli Road, White Field, Bangalore-560 066, I declare that my SSLC Marks my mother's name wrongly entered as **SHOBARANI J. M** instead of **SHOBHABAI,** my mother correct name is **SHOBHABAI,** vide affidavit dated 3/11/2023 sworn to before I Additional Senior Civil Judge and J.M.F.C Ramanagara.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVANA UMESH GOWDA** W/o **PRAMUKH SHEKAR.** R/at No. 1184 26th Main 3rd Cross 1st Phase JP Nagar Bengaluru- 560078 have changed my name to **KAVANA MADAPURA UMESH GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 04/11/ 2023 Before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ANKITH, aged 18 years, S/o. Mr. Suresh G & Mrs. Leena, R/at 268, 9th Cross, Gajendra Nagar, Maruthi Seva Nagar post, old Byappanahalli, Bangalore–560 033 have renounced & relinquished the said name and henceforth be known by the name **"ANKITH .S."** and have sworn to this effect an Affidavit dated **04-11-2023,** before the Notary Public **B. Chitra** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **LOY OLIVER LEWIS**, aged about 64 years, son of Mr. Robert Lewis and Mrs. Lily Menezes, residing at 1521 E 75TH PL, TULSA, OK 74136, U.S.A. now at Bangalore, having United States Passport Number 569620431, OCI Card No. A2944648 and PAN Card No. ADAPL4324K, hereby bring to the notice of the General Public that in my DEMAT Account numbers 301926-30392221 and IN301926-30389009 my name was entered as Loycla O Y Lewis instead of Loy Oliver Lewis and the same should be altered and considered as **LOY OLIVER LEWIS** and to this effect I have sworn an affidavit dated 29.09.2023 before the Advocate & Notary Public Mr. B.M. Chandrashekar.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P. SIDDAPPA,** S/o Late Hanumanthappa, aged about 78 years, R/at House No. 201K, Nagar Juna Apartment, Phase-2, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my grand daughter's name from **PRIYANKA to PRANATI SRINIVAS D/O SRINIVAS,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **PRANATI SRINIVAS** only, vide affidavit dated 04-11-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYALAKSHMI** WIFE OF K.M. NAGARAJA, aged about 57 years, residing at No.91,6th cross, 2nd A main, preethi Nagar Laggare, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560058, I declare that my correct date of birth is **01/01/1968** But in my C.G.H.S. CARD my date of birth is wrongly mentioned as **14/04/1968** instead of **01/01/1968,** further correct mentioned my date of birth is **01/01/1968,** in my all employee's, records, vide affidavit dated 4/11/2023 sworn to. before R.S.Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GNANESHWAR S N S/o. Segu Narayan Gupta. Aged about 49 years, Residing at No-99, 5th Cross, 3rd Main, AGS Layout, ittumadu, Bengaluru-61. do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from **AHANA SEGU GNANESHWAR TO S G AHANA GUPTA.** vide affidavit dated 31/10/2023 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna,

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Avinash Johnson** S/o Ram Singh Johnson aged about 44yrs, residing at Flat No F3,3rd Floor, Samhita Spicewood East Aprt., 6th Main, GM Palya Main Road, Opposite Havell Showroom, Bengaluru-75 State that changed My spouse name from **Preeti Prakash Johnson** (Old Name) to **Shambani Preeti Prakash** (New Name). We shall use this new name **Shambani Preeti Prakash** for all purpose in future. Hence this vide affidavit sworn on 02.11.2023 before advocate and Notary **D.K Prakash** - Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MASTHICHANDRA VARADEGOWDA** S/o **Varadegowda Masthichandra** R/at No. 2240/16 1st Cross Kuvempunagar Channapatna Ramanagara Dist - 562160 have changed my name to **MASTHI GOWDA VARADEGOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 04/11/ 2023 Before Notary **K.V. MANI** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHAMIL AHMED MOHAMMED ISMAIL MALPAS/o Mohammed Ismail, residing at National Colony, Mavalli-1, Bhatkal, Mavalli, Murudeshwar, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka-581350, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHAMIL AHMED MOHAMMED ISMAIL MALPA** to **(NEW NAME) SHAMIL AHAMED MALPA** vide affidavit dated 04.11.2023 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, ABDUL HAFEEZ, S/o Late Basheer Ahmed, aged about 61 years, R/at #41, 11th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560029, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **IQBAL AHMED and ABDUL HAFEEZ** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 03-11-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANESH GOWDA .M.V** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
We, **1. SANTOSH SHETTY** S/o Sanjeeva Shetty, aged 49 years and 2. PRATHIMA W/o Santhosh Shetty, aged 40 years, both are R/o No. 28/2-C, E Street, Gopalpura Magadi Road, Mazidi Road, Bangalore-560023, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor daughter's name from **PREKSHA to PREKSHA S. SHETTY,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **PREKSHA S. SHETTY** only, vide affidavit dated 03-11-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. L. RAJAMMA**, aged about 71 years, W/o. Late B.M. Veeraiah, Residing at No. 107, Shravanthi Orchids, 1st Main, Padmanabhanagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070, Karnataka, do hereby declare that **L. LINGARAJAMMA** and **L. RAJAMMA** both the names are one and the same person belongs to me only. In future my name will be as **L. RAJAMMA** only. Vide affidavit dated 03.11.2023 sworn to before B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **LAXMI CHAND BHANDARI** S/o Sayab Chand Bhandari, aged about 70 years residing at Flat No. 204, Pushpanjali Apts, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018, do hereby declare that my name is called as **LAXMI CHAND BHANDARI** (asper Pan Card Aadhar Card) & **L C BHANDARI** (CML: 10929191) both the names belong to me only & the names are one and the same. Presently for all identification proofs, I am called **LAXMI CHAND BHANDARI.** Vide affidavit dated 06.09.2023 sworn to before Mamatha N.K., Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHANUSHREE RAO**, Aged about 33 years, D/o. Jayarama Rao, Residing at # 46, 6th Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarabhavi Road, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHANUSHREE** to **DHANUSHREE RAO** vide affidavit dated 04.11.2023 sworn to before H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NASIRUDDIN ANSARI**, Original Date of Birth 01/07/1980, resident of House No. 133, First Floor, Akbar Nagar, Near Makka Masjide, Shikaripalya, Bangalore - 560 100, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NASRUDDIN ANSARI** to **NASIRUDDIN ANSARI** vide affidavit dated 27.10.2023 sworn to before R. Vishwanath, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BELA SETHI**, W/o. Swikar Sethi, Residing at No. 502, 5th Floor, Tower 12 L and T Raintree Boulevard Hebbal, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru - 560 092, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BELA ARORA** to **BELA SETHI** vide affidavit dated 3.11.2023 sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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SIDE B OF SAPTA SAGARADAACHE ELLO GETS A BIGGER RELEASE

Big production houses from South Indian languages are set to release the film in their respective languages

Rakshit Shetty

> *We aren't releasing the Hindi version in theatres as we understand the market and the need for extensive promotions. We are ready with the Hindi dubbed edition, should the demand arise*
>
> Rakshit Shetty, actor/producer

A SHARADHAA

7 DAYS after the release of *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello Side A* (Sept 1), the second part of Hemanth M Rao's romantic drama is set to hit the screens on Nov 17. The trailer of the film, headlined by Rakshit Shetty, Rukmini Vasanth, and Chaitra Achar, was unveiled on Saturday.

Going by the glimpse, Manu (Rakshit Shetty), who emerged from a decade-long prison sentence for a selfless act, encounters a stark turn of events when his benefactor's demise leaves him deserted behind bars. This ordeal also fractures his relationship with Priya (Rukmini Vasanth). To rebuild his life, Manu must sever ties with his past, even Priya, but this proves to be challenging. In his quest for retribution, he takes drastic actions, further complicating matters for his new acquaintance, Surabhi (Chaithra J Achar), which leaves the audience with lingering questions. The sequel, as a continuation, resolves the fates of Manu and Priya. Will she succumb to societal pressures and marry another, or is she still holding onto hope for Manu's return? Will Manu unleash vengeance on those who disrupted his life? These inquiries will find answers in Side B.

According to the makers Side B is set for a grander release, with the film seeing a simultaneous release in multiple South Indian languages. KVN Productions will handle the Kannada version, while People Media Factory will be responsible for the Telugu release. Karthik Subbaraju's production house, Stone Bench Creations, is presenting the Tamil version while Prithviraj Productions will distribute the Malayalam version. The team also has ambitious plans for a substantial overseas release, covering both Kannada and Telugu versions.

In a media interaction, Rakshit Shetty mentioned that they aren't releasing a Hindi version in theatres as they understand the market and the need for extensive promotions. "We are ready with the Hindi dubbed edition, should the demand arise," he mentions.

Rakshit, who is backing the film under his Paramvah Studios, revealed that Side A has already covered the investment, and any earnings from Side B will be pure profit. Talking about his role, Rakshit stated that his appearance may be new, but his character retains the same innocence, albeit with different intentions following his release from prison.

Thrilled about the release of Side B, which continues the dramatic journey with characters from Side A, Chaitra said, "The emotional depth from Side A will seamlessly carry over to Side B which is designed for a broad audience." Rukmini added, "I am pleased with the overwhelming response to my role in Side A and am genuinely delighted to be part of this project."

Director Hemanth Rao expressed his gratitude for the long and fulfilling journey and the overwhelming nationwide response to Side A of *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello* and believes the success of the first part serves as the best promotion for Side B. He thanked his team's efforts for successfully bringing his vision for *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello* to life. "The story is not solely about revenge; the prison is just one aspect, and the narrative primarily focuses on romance," signed off Hemanth.

Sonal Monteiro

'I AM STILL WAITING TO GET THAT RECOGNITION'

...says Sonal Monteiro, who shares about her role in the upcoming film *Garadi* and highlights that her role was quite a challenge

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SONAL Monteiro is someone who is currently enjoying her stint in cinema, portraying various characters. Sharing her excitement about collaborating with director Yogaraj Bhat for *Garadi*, the model-turned-actor, says, "Yogaraj Bhat was the one who launched me in *Panchtantra*, and I'm glad to be working with him again." She is paired alongside Yashas Soorya and is also excited to be sharing the screen with seasoned actors like BC Patil and Ravi Shankar. Ahead of the film's release, on November 10, the actor talks about her role and how she is evolving with each film. "I love exploring new characters, and that's what makes us grow. For example, my character in *Garadi* was quite a task. The character I play is obsessed with TikTok, whereas I personally am not into making such videos or even having a YouTube channel. Furthermore, acting like a village girl or a city girl is one thing, but a village girl acting like one from the city was intriguing. It's not just about the attire but also the body language. I have a lot of variations in my role in *Garadi*, which also includes an intense turn in the second half," says Sonal as she provides a brief overview of her character named Kabali, with the nickname Puppy Sukanya.

Sonal feels that it's crucial for a director to have confidence in their actors, and Yogaraj Bhat had immense confidence in her ability to portray the role in his film. "For *Garadi*, they had finalised a couple of heroines before me, and I was considered at the last minute. But Bhatru recently mentioned that he had me in mind all along and believed I could pull off the role. Hearing this from him was truly overwhelming. I initially doubted if I could do justice to it and expressed my concerns to the director. However, he had faith in me, and I hope I've done justice to the role," she adds.

Sonal acknowledges that she is still in the learning phase of her career. "Every time I take on a new film, I still have that fear of whether I can do it well. Each film teaches me something new, and there's always more to learn. I'm eager to keep learning," says Sonal, who is relishing the consistent work coming her way.

However, Sonal candidly admits that she is still to get that recognition. "*Roberrt* marked a significant step in my career. However, I believe that understanding what the audience expects from me is an ongoing process, and I am eager to learn from their feedback. I am waiting for that one answer to define my career," she signs off.

Dhanush's debut *Royal Mech* makes a splash this week

Dhanush

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DHANUSH, who manages his job as a mechanical engineer while pursuing a career in filmmaking, is ready to test the waters with his acting debut in *Royal Mech*. He has not only written the script but has also played the lead role. The film is inspired by a real-life incident he encountered during the pandemic. It tells the story of a young engineering graduate who becomes a food delivery boy due to certain circumstances. His dream is to become an IAS Officer, but will he be able to achieve it, and what challenges will he face on this journey?

Dhanush reflects on the inspiration for the film, saying, "During the COVID pandemic, while I was working from home, I needed to fix my laptop. When I contacted the hardware technician for assistance, he mentioned that he could come after 10o'clock at night because he was busy with food delivery in the morning. This situation made me think about the challenges faced by food delivery boys, despite their educational qualifications. It inspired me to write a script addressing the issues these individuals encounter and portraying the aspirations of a middle-class boy pursuing his IAS dream."

Dhanush's film, *Royal Mech*, is set to release on November 10 and is produced by Shabari Films. The movie is co-directed by JHM Nagabhushan and Dr. Jayadeva Hassan and features Saatvika Rao as the female lead. Additionally, Raghvendra Rajkumar plays a pivotal role, with Kuri Pratap, Ramesh Bhat, Vinay Prasad, Rekha Das, Pawan of *Comedy Khiladigalu* fame, and Gautami Jayaram, among others, in the cast.

Aniissh takes on the role of an aspiring director in *Mayanagari*

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THE shooting of *Mayanagari*, Aniissh's upcoming film, has been wrapped up, and the makers are eagerly anticipating the release. This film marks the directorial debut of Shankar Aradhya and has received a U/A rating from the censor board.

Mayanagari features Aniissh as an aspiring director, and the film combines elements of comedy, romance, and action. Apart from directing, Shankar Aradhya has also written the story and screenplay of the film. Produced by Sandalwood Pictures and Shweta Shankar, the film features music by Arjun Janya, with National Award winner Vikram More choreographing the action scenes, and Srinivas handling the cinematography.

Apart from Aniissh and Shravya Rao, the film also features experienced actors like Sharath Lohitashwa, Avinash, and Suchendra Prasad, among others in the cast.

A still from the film

Newcomers deliver honest whodunit for one-time watch

GARUDA PURANA

Director: Manjunath B Nagba

Cast: Manjunath B Nagba, Disha Shetty, Mahendra Gowda, Cheluvaraj, Santhosh Karki and Rajkumar Bhagavanth, Kencha, Sushmitha, and Mahendra Gowda

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IN the ever-evolving landscape of the film industry, emerging talents consistently captivate our imagination. Among these upcoming talents is Manjunath B Nagba, who previously honed his skills as an online editor for the 2022 blockbuster *Kantara*. Building on this invaluable experience, he has made his directorial debut with *Garuda Purana*. Despite its mythological title, the film takes an unexpected plunge into the profound depths of a dark crime thriller.

The narrative unfolds with a meticulously assembled police unit delving into a series of gruesome crimes involving the harrowing rape and murder of women across the state. The authorities at CS Pura Police Department receive a chilling report of discovering a lifeless young woman concealed in a gunny bag at a secluded location, marking the 13th such horrifying discovery. Troubled by these serial atrocities, the authorities established a Special Investigation Team led by Vikrant Karki (Santosh Karki) to unravel this complex case.

The film's central enigma revolves around the brutality and methods employed by the culprits, leaving law enforcement baffled as they struggle to connect the victims to any missing persons. Simultaneously, the director introduces a parallel love story between Mayuk (Manjunath G Nagba) and Nandini (Disha Shetty), adding intricate layers to the narrative. Their budding romance faces adversity, and the discovery of Nandini's lifeless body in a gunny bag further complicates matters. While the police manage to apprehend Mani (Cheluvaraj) and his gang for previous crimes, Nandini's murder introduces a perplexing twist, with Mayuk emerging as the primary suspect.

Is it the same criminal group responsible for previous atrocities, or is a new threat lurking in the shadows? These uncertainties set the stage for the remaining chapters of the film.

What truly distinguishes this film is the skilful intertwining of the narrative with the Hindu mythological text *Garuda Purana*, which adds profound depth to the story.

While the movie's initial half may test the viewer's patience with its deliberate pace, the post-intermission phase seizes your attention. Apart from making a solid directorial debut, Manjunath also showcases his proficiency in acting, editing, and storytelling. He seamlessly weaves together two crime narratives and a love story, culminating in a gripping climax that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

The film features a cast of relatively unfamiliar faces. Disha Shetty's enchanting presence and impeccable dialogue delivery leave a lasting impression. Cheluvaraj convincingly portrays the character responsible for the murders, while actors like Rajkumar, Mahendra Gowda, Sushmitha, and Kencha, provide robust support. However, it is Santosh Karki's portrayal of a police officer, which brings a realistic touch.

Garuda Purana might lack well-known faces, but it successfully engages the audience with a generous dose of entertainment through a talented ensemble of newcomers, making it a worthwhile one-time watch. The director and the team's dedicated efforts within this dark crime thriller shine through. Despite the slow start, the movie's compelling concept deserves acknowledgment and encouragement.

RATING 2.5/5